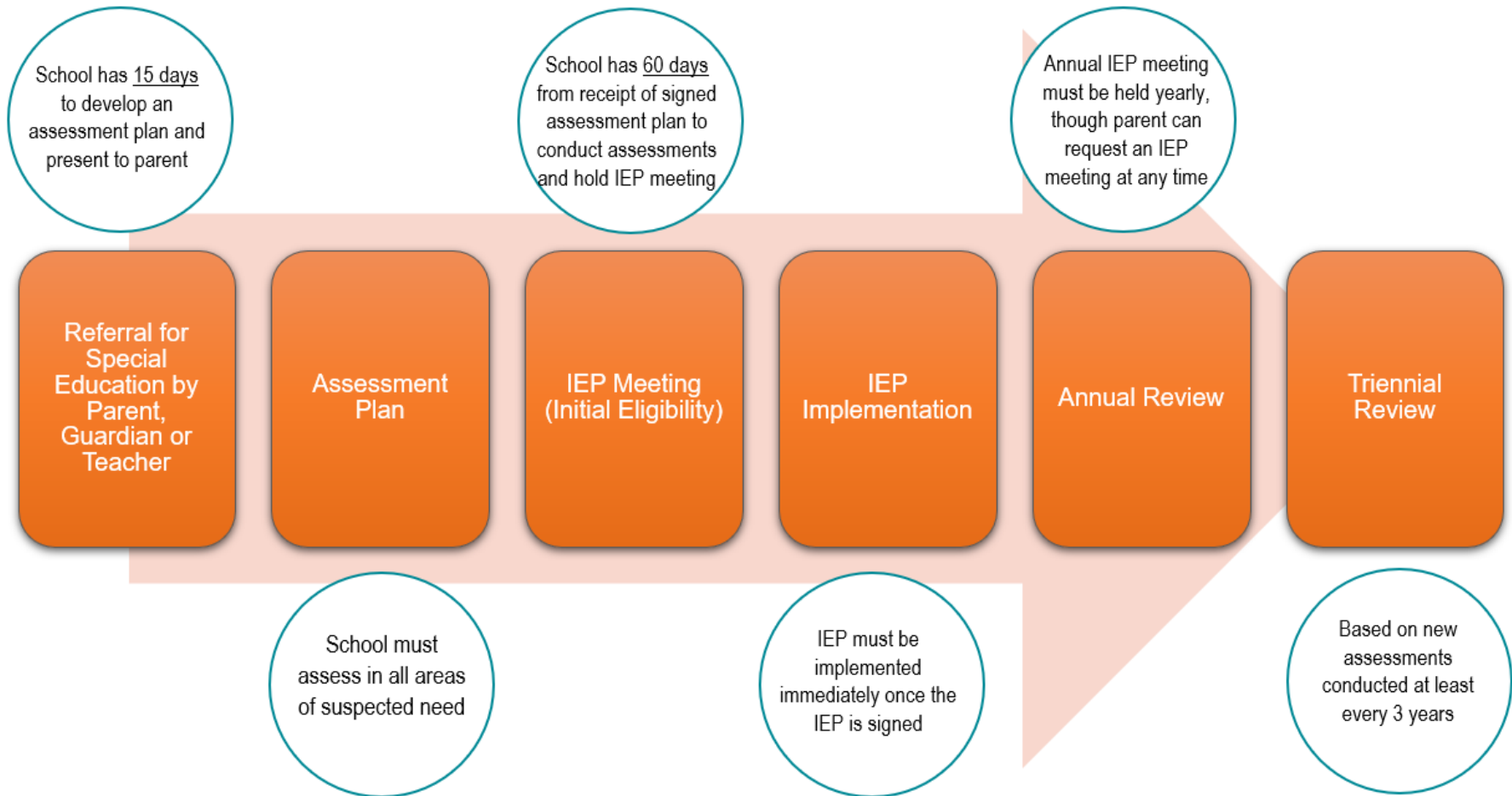


THE SPECIAL EDUCATION PROCESS UNDER IDEA



The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) is a law that makes available a free appropriate public education to eligible children with disabilities throughout the nation and ensures special education and related services to those children. The IDEA governs how states and public agencies provide early intervention, special education, and related services to more than 7.5 million (as of school year 2018-19) eligible infants, toddlers, children, and youth with disabilities.

Note: The federal IDEA law requirements are a baseline for states and school districts. Some state IDEA deadlines may be more stringent than federal requirements, however they cannot be beyond the number of days the federal law requires.