

Acceptable/Unacceptable Reasons for Delay Related to SPP Indicator B-11 (2015-2016)

IDEA (34 CFR 300.301(d)) and MUSER (Section V.1.A.(b)) define acceptable reasons for delay to the initial evaluation timeline. When situations defined as “acceptable reasons for delay” occur, the initial evaluation timeframe shall not apply. The acceptable reasons are listed here for reference. While unacceptable reasons for delay are not specifically described in IDEA or MUSER, samples of those are also included here for reference.

ACCEPTABLE	UNACCEPTABLE
1. Repeated parent failure or refusal to make the child available for evaluation caused a delay in the completion of the evaluation within the timeline.	1. Lack of personnel resources to schedule and/or complete evaluation caused the delay.
2. The child enrolled in SAU after parental consent was received in another SAU but before evaluation could be completed, and parent and subsequent SAU documented an agreed-upon time when the evaluation would be completed.	2. Parent did not return phone calls.
3. Parent withdrew consent to evaluate.	3. Parent did not have transportation.
4. Excessive child absences from school.	4. External evaluator failed to meet evaluation timelines.
5. Documented inability to make contact with the parent to schedule the evaluation.	5. Child not available due to school activities.
6. Documented parent request for a delay.	6. Child under age of majority refused to participate.