Transfer of Rights

The age of majority means when the student reaches 18 years old, they are considered an adult, with all the attendant rights and responsibilities of adulthood.

You must inform the student before their 17th birthday, that they will reach the age of majority at age 18. This is called the Transfer of Rights. I recommend that teachers fulfill the requirements on the very first Transition IEP for a couple of reasons. It fulfills the requirements so you, as the teacher, do not miss the timelines; and it allows parents to get prepared for students who may need more help after the age of 18, such as guardianship or power of attorney.

Once you notify the student at the IEP that they become an adult at age 18, and the parent signs the IEP and approves it, both parent and student have been notified of the transfer of rights.