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What is Advocates for Children (AFC)?

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AFC is an independent agency that protects the rights of all NYC students

Our Services:

- Helpline: **1-866-427-6033** (Mon-Thurs, 10am – 4pm)
- Guides and resources: www.advocatesforchildren.org
- Workshops and trainings
- Free legal services to income eligible families



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Vision for NYC Schools: AFC's recommendations for the new mayoral administration

[Read the recommendations](#)



Spotlight

Start of School Year Questions & Answers for Families of Students with Disabilities

AFC in the News

NYC's 'Project Open Arms' to help migrant children for start of school year



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Updates, NYCSA, transportation

Placement issues

IEP issues

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- Parents will get metrocards (4 trips)
- If can't use bus/train, pre-paid rideshare or reimbursement (up to \$200/day/58¢ mile)
- Make back up plans if you can!



NYC Student Account (NYCSA)

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Welcome, [REDACTED]

Your Students



Add Student



MyStudent

Get your student's grades, test scores, attendance, transportation information, and progress toward promotion.



Parent U



Free courses, events, activities, and resources, to support your student's academic and social-emotional learning, leadership parent training, and information about the DOE for families.



Bullying Reporting



The Bullying Reporting application enables you to report incidents of bullying quickly.



To Create an Account

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Follow the directions on the DOE's website



Don't have a letter with a creation code?
Contact your child's school.



NYCSA portal

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Grades



Assessments



Reading Level



Promotion
Tracker



Graduation
Tracker



Student
Documents



IEP



Student
Academic
Supports



Attendance



Schedule



Student
Wellness



Transportation



Guardians



Enrollment



Student



Transportation



Need Bus Route Info? Click 'Transportation'



Transportation

Confirm with your child's school which days they will attend in-person instruction. Visit the [Student Transportation Page](#) to find out what's new in student transportation this year.



Service Type: Door-to-Door

[Learn about busing eligibility](#)

Vehicle Modifications: Wheelchair (needs assistance getting on bus. Space for chair needed)

School Contact Email: [Redacted]

School Contact Phone: [Redacted]

Additional Transportation Accommodations: Limited Travel Time; 2 Seats; A/C

If the vehicle and transportation accommodations do not match your child's IEP, please contact the IEP team.

Date Range: 09/13/2021 — 06/30/2022

Bus Schedule

Monday

To School

Pick-up Location: [Redacted]

Route Number: M453

Drop-off Location: [Redacted]

Drop-off Time: -

Bus Company Name: HOYT TRANSPORTATION CORP.

Bus Company Phone: 718-665-3019



Steps to check on transportation

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Get Route number / bus company

- NYCSA/schoolsaccount.nyc
- Call your child's school
- Bus company should call with pick up times

Check any accommodations

- Does NYCSA match IEP?
- Does IEP show child's needs?
- Will bus company provide?

Problems? Call
OPT
718-392-8855

- Won't give out route info
- Call the school first
- Can still file a complaint. Get incident #



Transportation Resources

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AFC's factsheet on arranging transportation



Office of Pupil Transportation's parent-facing information



Check www.advocatesforchildren.org and www.schools.nyc.gov for updates on strike



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What if you have no placement?

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Enrolling in School

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For students who need a school or haven't done an application:

Grades K-8

- Go to zoned school, if you have one
- If you do not, go to your Family Welcome Center

High School

- Go to your Family Welcome Center (FWC)
- Locations online at <https://www.schools.nyc.gov/enrollment/enrollment-help/family-welcome-centers>



No Placement: Pre-School

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Related
Services Only

- Office of Enrollment (718) 935-2009
- esenrollment@schools.nyc.gov

Special Class

- Contact the [CPSE](#) where you live



No Placement: K - 12th

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- Zoned Schools/Family Welcome Center
- Admissions process (wait list still open)
- Specialized Programs

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- PWN or SLL
- No / inappropriate placement?
 - D75info@schools.nyc.gov
 - or
 - 212 802-1500 ask for Boro placement officer

Make sure school can provide your child's IEP program and services
Do NOT change IEP unless you think it's right for your child.

IEP issues

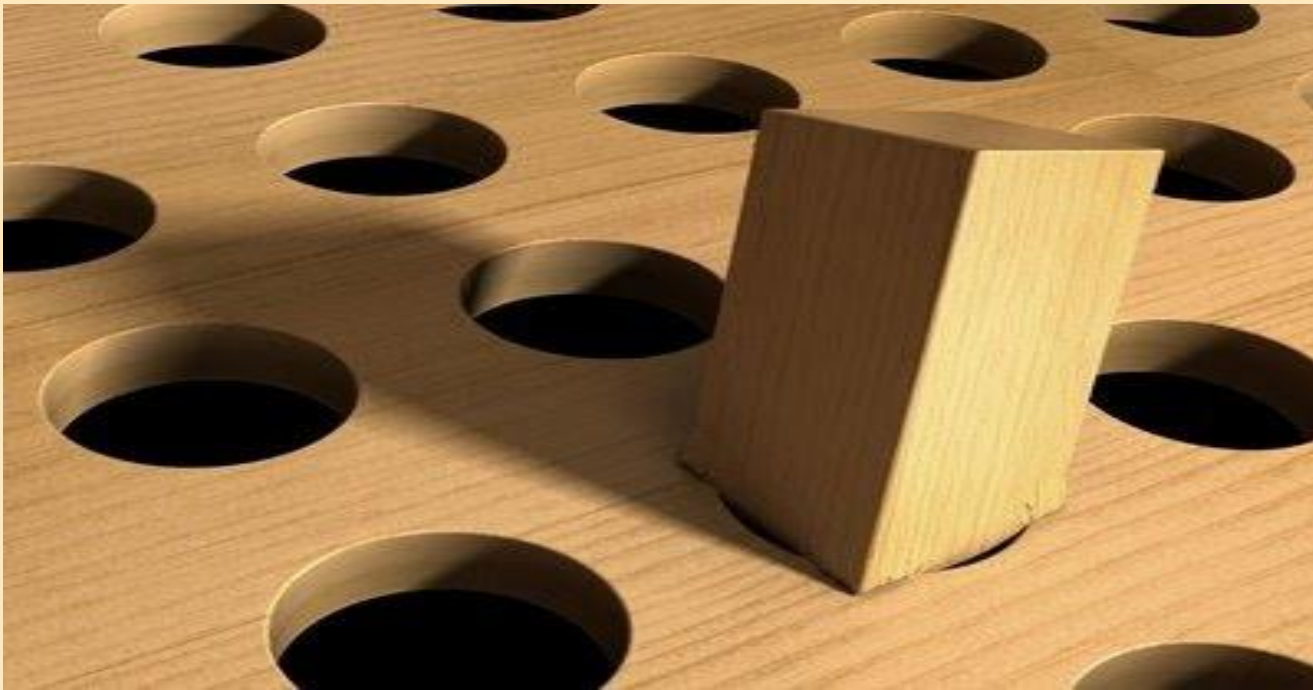
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School doesn't have the program/services on the IEP

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How do you know?

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Ask the school if they can provide what's on the IEP

Research what the school has

All schools supposed to provide program and services on IEP

No right to an individual school, but IEP program and services should be in place from beginning of year



Check NYCSA under “IEP” (Teachers, SETSS and Therapists)

ECONOMICS	Integrated Co- teacher	[REDACTED]
SETSS	Teacher Support Services	[REDACTED]

§ Certified Special Education Teacher

Related Services

If you have questions about a recent session that is not yet reflected, please allow up to four school weeks from the scheduled session date before contacting the school or provider. You can email specialeducation@schools.nyc.gov or call 311 if you need help contacting your child’s school.

Service	Language	Frequency	Date Range	Date of First Service	Date of Latest Documented Service	Provider Name
Occupational Therapy	English, Individual	4 time(s) per week	02/15/2022 - TBD	09/13/2021	04/14/2022	[REDACTED]
Physical Therapy	English, Individual	1 time(s) per week	02/15/2022 - TBD	09/13/2021	04/04/2022	[REDACTED]
Physical Therapy	English, Individual	4 time(s) per week	02/15/2022 - TBD			
Speech-Language Therapy	English, Individual	1 time(s) per week	02/15/2022 - TBD	09/14/2021	09/22/2021	[REDACTED]
Speech-Language Therapy	English, Individual	2 time(s) per week	02/15/2022 - TBD			

* This service was provided by a contractor (not a DOE employee.) If you have any questions about the service, please contact the school to be put in touch with the provider or agency.



Are most students getting what is on their IEPs?

School: NYC iSchool - [HS] 02M376

Year: 2020-21

Select Language
Powered by Google Translate

School Info

Student Achievement

Rigorous Instruction

Collaborative Teachers

Supportive Environment

Effective School Leadership

Strong Family-Community Ties

Trust

Students with Individualized Education Programs (IEPs)

Movement of students with special needs to less restrictive environments

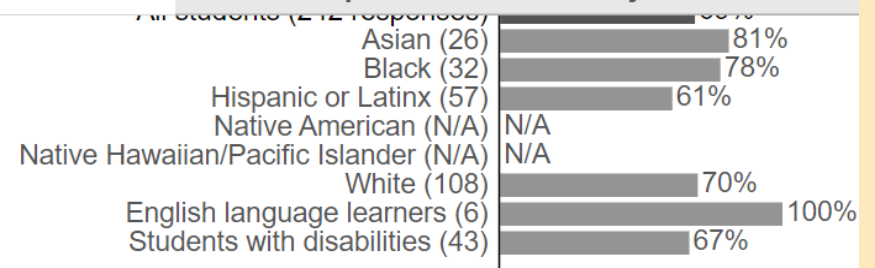


What percentage of students with IEPs received their recommended special education programs?

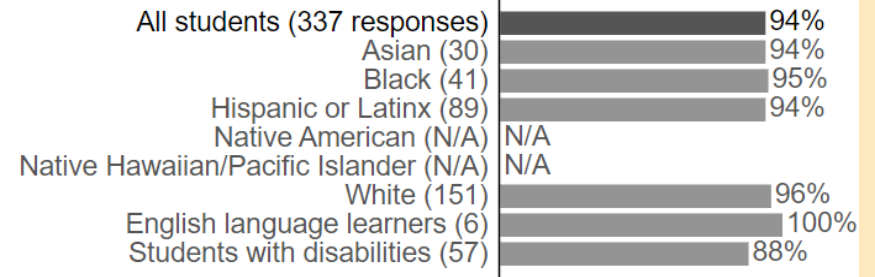
- 38% received in full (City: 87%)
- 62% received in part (City: 12%)
- 0% did not receive (City: 2%)

What percentage of students with IEPs received their recommended related services (such as counseling or speech, occupational or physical therapy)?

- 77% received in full (City: 92%)
- N/A received in part (City: <1%)
- N/A did not receive (City: 7%)



High school students say that adults at their school inform them about the college application process.



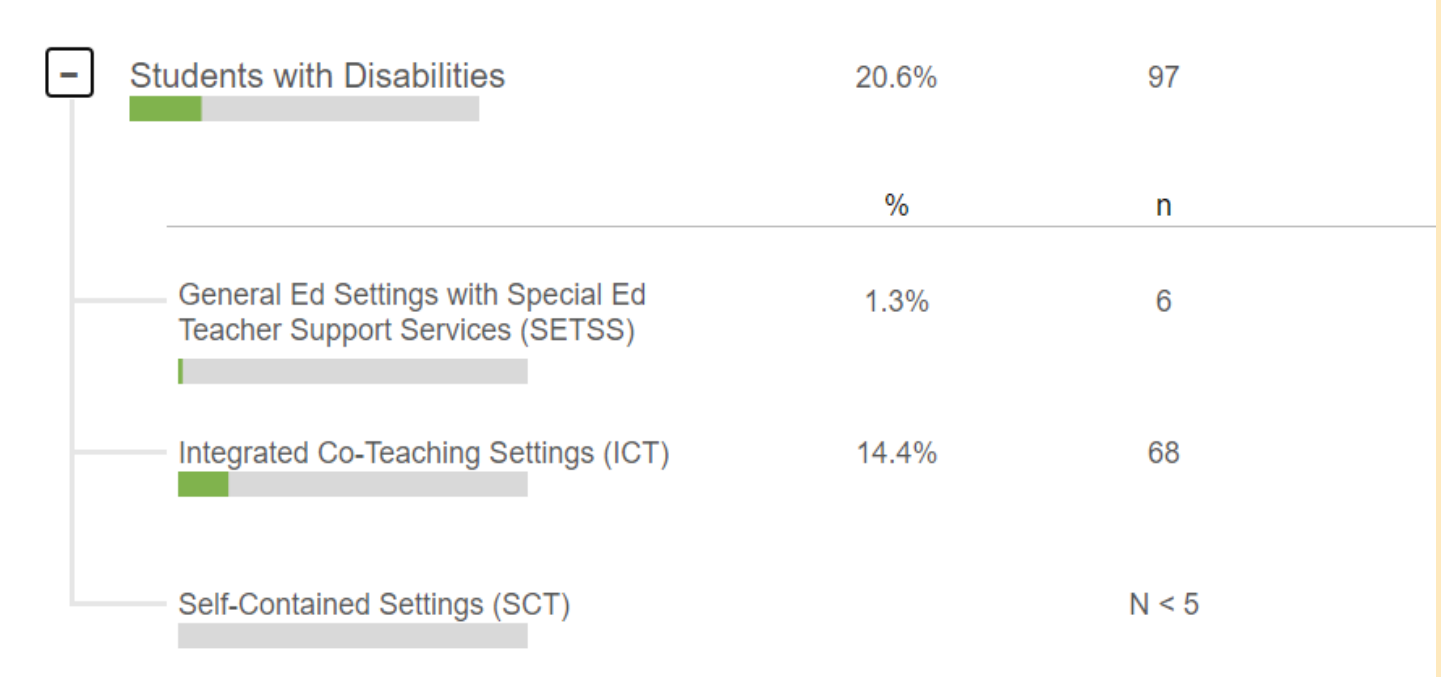
Selected Questions about Social-Emotional Well-Being

Find school on DOE website, look for School Quality Reports, under Supportive Environment



How do I know if a school has a small class or ICT?

- Look up school on DOE website
- Go to “School Quality” Reports
- Click on “School Quality Guide” 2nd in list NOT Snapshot
- Click on “+” next to SWD





NYC School Level Class Size Report

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<https://infohub.nyced.org/reports/government-reports/class-size-reports>
Click on “Detailed School Level Data” Excel file

Grade Level	Program Type	Department	Subject	Number of Students	Number of Classes	Average Class Size	Minimum Class Size	Maximum Class Size
HS Core	Gen Ed	Social Studies	HS Global History	108	5	21.6	16.0	33.0
HS Core	Gen Ed	Social Studies	HS Government & Econ	109	4	27.3	25.0	33.0
HS Core	Gen Ed	Social Studies	HS Social Studies Other	50	2	25.0	24.0	26.0
HS Core	Gen Ed	Social Studies	HS US History	77	3	25.7	25.0	26.0
HS Core	ICT	English	HS English 09	97	4	24.3	23.0	26.0
HS Core	ICT	English	HS English 10	73	3	24.3	23.0	26.0
HS Core	ICT	English	HS English 11	44	2	22.0	19.0	25.0
HS Core	ICT	English	HS English 12	44	2	22.0	19.0	25.0



Makeup services or vouchers

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RSAs

- For related services
- Provider must be licensed with NYS
- Can ask for increased rate

P3/P4s

- For SETSS services
- Provider must be licensed
- Can ask for increased rate

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- If didn't receive small class on IEP
- For state approved non-public school
- Must be accepted by NPS school licensed for that classification
- Program should be similar

CHECK EXPIRATION DATES!



Informal Dispute Resolution

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Start with the School

- Parent Coordinator, Principal

District Superintendent's Office

- Family Support Coordinator or District Family Advocate

Central Offices

- (718) 935-2007 or
specialeducation@schools.nyc.gov



Who to Contact II

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Related services

- Relatedservices@schools.nyc.gov

Transition to Kindergarten

- Turning5@schools.nyc.gov

Special Ed at Charter Schools

- [CSE Chairperson](#)

Specialized Programs

- Specializedprograms@schools.nyc.gov

Call AFC's Helpline! (866) 427-6033



Formal Dispute Resolution

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Mediation

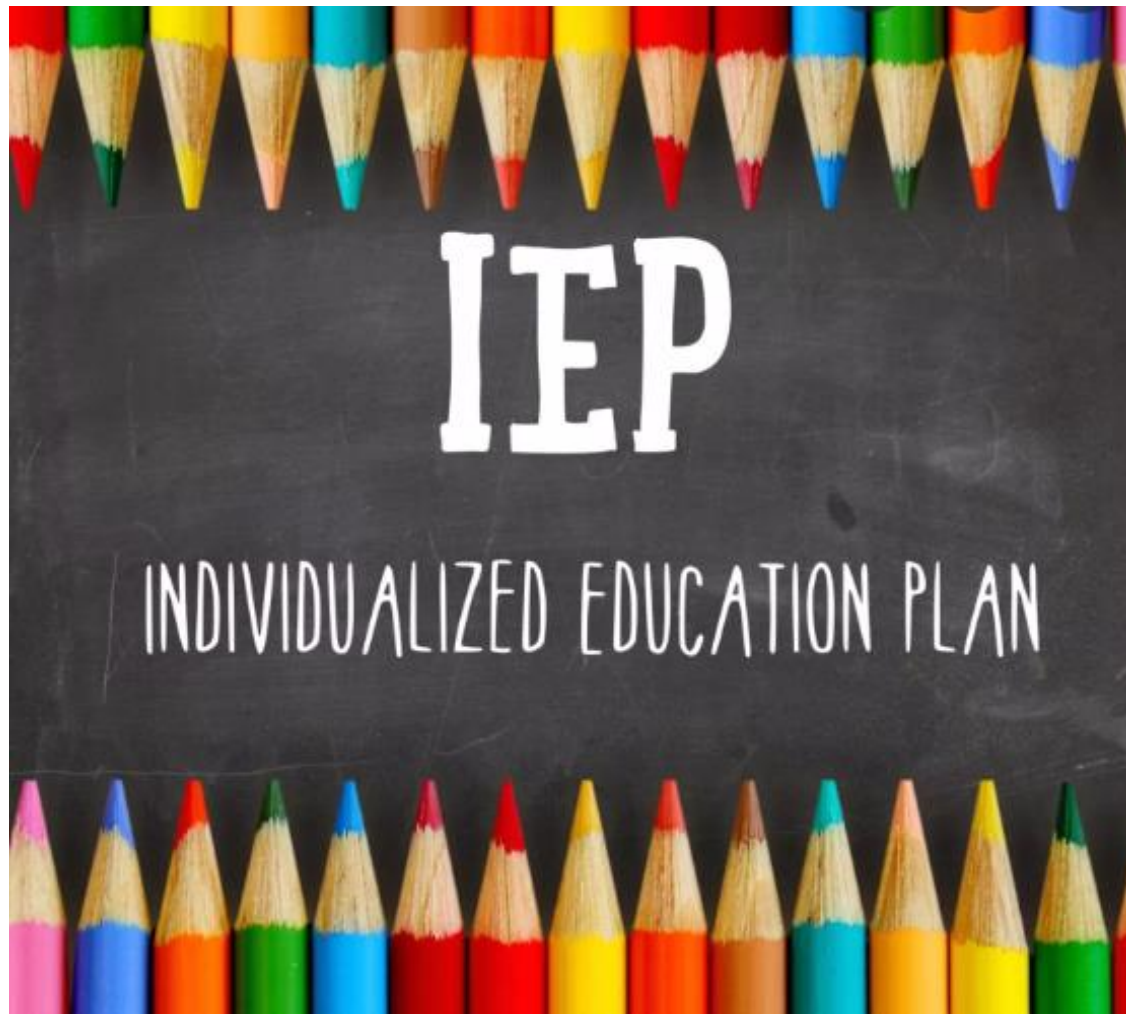
- Voluntary meeting
- Mediator leads meeting
- Can still go to an Impartial Hearing

Impartial Hearing

- Legal proceeding
- An Impartial Hearing Officer (IHO) in charge.
- Written decision, can appeal

State Education Complaint

- Ask the NY SED to investigate
- Can order the DOE to make up services
- May not order I:I make up



What if your
child needs
different
supports?



How to change the IEP

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Get
proof

What supports the IEP change? Gather all records and give to the school (may need new evals)

Ask

Ask for an IEP meeting in writing, say what you want

Meeting

Bring people who support you, take notes, ask for program pages to be printed out.

Follow
up

Get a copy of the finalized IEP.
Go up the chain in you need to.



Specialized Programs

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Bilingual ICT or Special Class



ASD Nest & Horizon (Autism)



ACES (Intellectual Disability)



Barrier Free/ Accessible Schools



Literacy: I Read (K-I)/Dyslexia

For more information on specialized programs see [here](#).



State-approved Non-Public Schools (NPS)

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If needs cannot be met in a public-school program

Schools specialize in meeting particular needs

IEP says “Defer to CBST” or “NYSED Approved Non-Public Day Program.”

Central Based Support Team (CBST): DOE office that applies to NPS BUT parent can also apply

For a list of schools, go to:

<http://www.p12.nysed.gov/specialed/privateschools/home.html>



Questions?

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Language Access

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Language Access Rights

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- Parents have the right to get documents translated, including report cards and IEPs
- Parents also have the right to interpretation services at school meetings and events
- DOE Languages: Spanish, French, Arabic, Chinese, Bengali, Urdu, Russian, Korean, and Haitian-Creole



Problems with translation or interpretation?

Email [Hello@schools.nyc.gov](mailto>Hello@schools.nyc.gov) or

Call DOE complaint line: (718) 935-2013



Multilingual learners with IEPs

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- Bilingual special education classes are limited
- May get an alternate placement para/SETSS
- Email BSEPrograms@schools.nyc.gov for help
- Older ELLs
 - Transfer schools for ELLs
 - International High Schools
 - Credit transfers



For a list of DOE bilingual programs: <https://infohub.nyced.org/in-our-schools/programs/english-language-learners-programs-and-services>



Tips if your child is suspended

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Notice must be in writing

No out of school suspensions!

Principal's suspensions: Ask for a conference

Superintendent's suspensions: Get the packet

Call AFC for help



Wrapping up: Reminders!

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Please take our survey!

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- Call Our Helpline: 866-427-6033
 - Toll free
 - Monday-Thursday
 - 10am-4pm
- Email Us: Info@advocatesforchildren.org

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