Related Services and Supports in NYC Public Schools

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Today's Training

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Introduction

What are related services?

How do I know if provided?

What if I'm not getting services on IEP?

Problem Solving





What is Advocates for Children (AFC)?



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

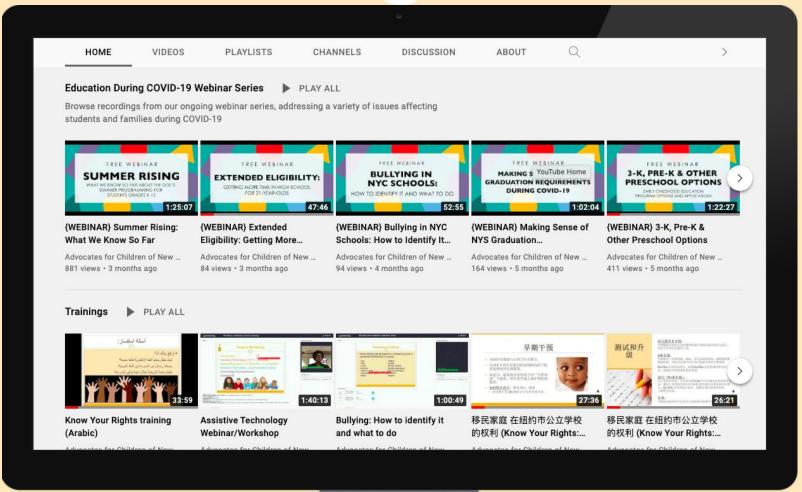
Our Services:

- Helpline: I-866-427-6033 (Mon-Thurs, I 0am 4pm)
- Guides and resources: www.advocatesforchildren.org
- Workshops and trainings
- Free legal services to low-income families

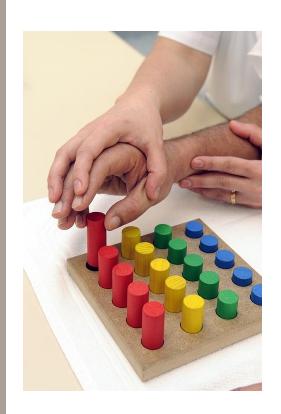


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What are Related Services?







Related Services



Physical Therapy

Occupational Therapy

Speech Therapy

Counseling Services

Assistive
Technology
Device/Services

Hearing and Vision Services

Nursing

Orientation and Mobility
Services

Transportation

Programmatic Supports



Special Education Teacher Support Services (SETSS)

Paraprofessionals

Language Supports
(Alternate
Placement
Paraprofessional)

Ratios and Locations



Ratios should be based on student's needs

Small group therapy or SETSS often the case but can also ask for 1:1

Location: push in or pull out.

• Push in should be because your child would benefit from that support in class NOT because of the provider's schedule.

Pull out should be during times that make sense for your child.



My Student Portal "NYCSA"









Reading Level



Promotion Tracker



Graduation Tracker







Supports



Attendance













Need an account? Ask your child's school

Check NYCSA under "IEP" (SETSS and Therapies – not paras)



ECUNUMICS	Integrated Co-Teacher	
SETSS	Teacher Support Services	

[§] 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	
Physical Therapy	English, Individual	1 time(s) per week	02/15/2022 - TBD	09/13/2021	04/04/2022	
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	
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.



Bus accommodations: 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.

N.Y.C. LAB SCHOOL FOR COLLABORATIVE STUDIES (02M412)

Service Type: Door-to-Door

1 Learn about busing eligibility

Vehicle Modifications: Wheelchair (needs assistance getting on bus.

Space for chair needed)

School Contact Email:

School Contact Phone:

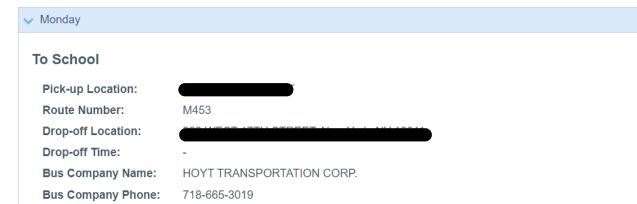
Additional Transportation Accommodations: Limited Travel Time;

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



How to check if a therapist is licensed



NYSED / OP / Online Services

Verification Searches

The information furnished at this web site is from the Office of Professions' official database and is updated daily, Monday through Friday. The Office of Professions considers this information to be a secure, primary source for license verification.

Search by name within a profession:

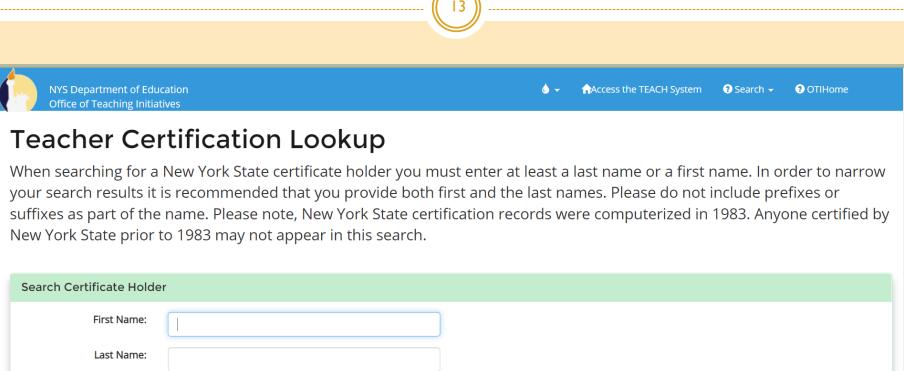
- Select a profession.
- Enter a minimum of 3 characters of the person's name, with the last name first (separated by a space, **not** a comma). When a last name consists of only two letters, you must also enter a space and at least the first letter of the first name.



http://www.op.nysed.gov/opsearches.htm#nme

How to check if a teacher is licensed



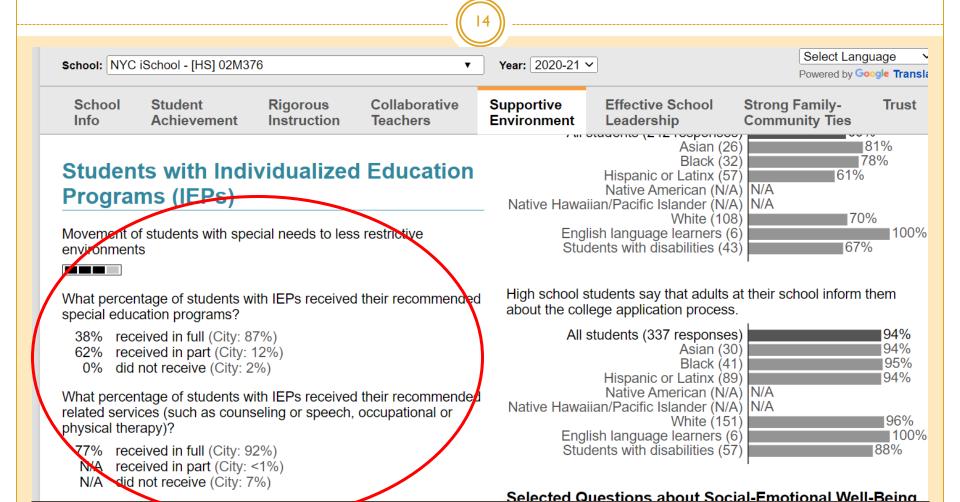


https://eservices.nysed.gov/teach/certhelp/CpPersonSearchExternal.jsp

Submit

Middle Initial:

Check the school website for general info



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



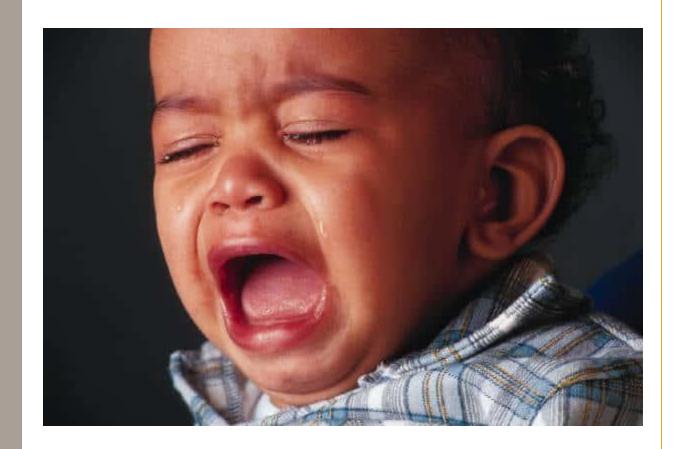
How do I know if a school has SETSS, ICT or a small class?



- 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

-	Students with Disabilities	20.6%	97	+3.8%	-
		%	n	Compared to Borough Average	Compared to (
	General Ed Settings with Special Ed Teacher Support Services (SETSS)	1.3%	6	+0.0%	+
	Integrated Co-Teaching Settings (ICT)	14.4%	68	+3.4%	l
	Self-Contained Settings (SCT)		N < 5		

What if my child didn't get the related services on the IEP?



Makeup services or vouchers



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

PI

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

CHECK EXPIRATION DATES!

How to find a provider



Look at <u>DOE lists</u> (keep track of who said no and why)

Ask every provider you know

Check with private special education schools in your neighborhood

If you need an increased rate, write to the person on voucher and explain why



Language Access Rights



- 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 or
Call DOE complaint line: (718) 935-2013

Questions?





What if there is a problem?





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 or relatedservices@schools.nyc.gov



Formal Dispute Resolution



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 orderI:I make up

Summer Rising Returns!



How did we do?

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Please take our survey! https://bit.ly/relatedse rvicessurvey

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