Advocates for Children of New York

Protecting every child's right to learn

# Early Childhood Education During COVID-19

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# What is Advocates for Children (AFC)?



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

Our Services:

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

# In-person Care and Instruction

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## Essential Workers

Including: First Responders, Health Care, Pharmacy, Grocery, Food Services, Transit

| Regional Enrichment Centers | Emergency Child Care Centers | CARES Scholarship |
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# In-person Care and Instruction



## Regional Enrichment Centers

- Students 3-K – 12
- Monday – Friday (7:30 am- 6:00 pm)
- Meals Provided
- Apply Here

## Emergency Child Care Centers

- 6mo – Pre-K + siblings
- Monday – Friday (7:30 am- 6:00 pm)
- Meals Provided
- Apply Here

*Must serve students with disabilities and support remote learning.*
*Questions? Contact the DOE at REC_Enrollment@schools.nyc.gov*

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# Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act Scholarships

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For essential workers

Extended and weekend hours

Funding for private child care

Apply by May 15th!

Call 1-888-469-5999, email info@nyccrr.org, or go online

# Remote Learning



Includes 3-K, Pre-K & Early Learn, Kinder +

Online & Phone

Games & Activities

Regular contact

Packets & Worksheets

By Program

# Let's Learn NYC



Lessons for students in 3-K – 2nd grade

Channel THIRTEEN (PBS)

Weekdays at 11:00AM

Live stream at *Let's Learn NYC!*

Learning materials also online

One-hour lessons

# DOE Devices

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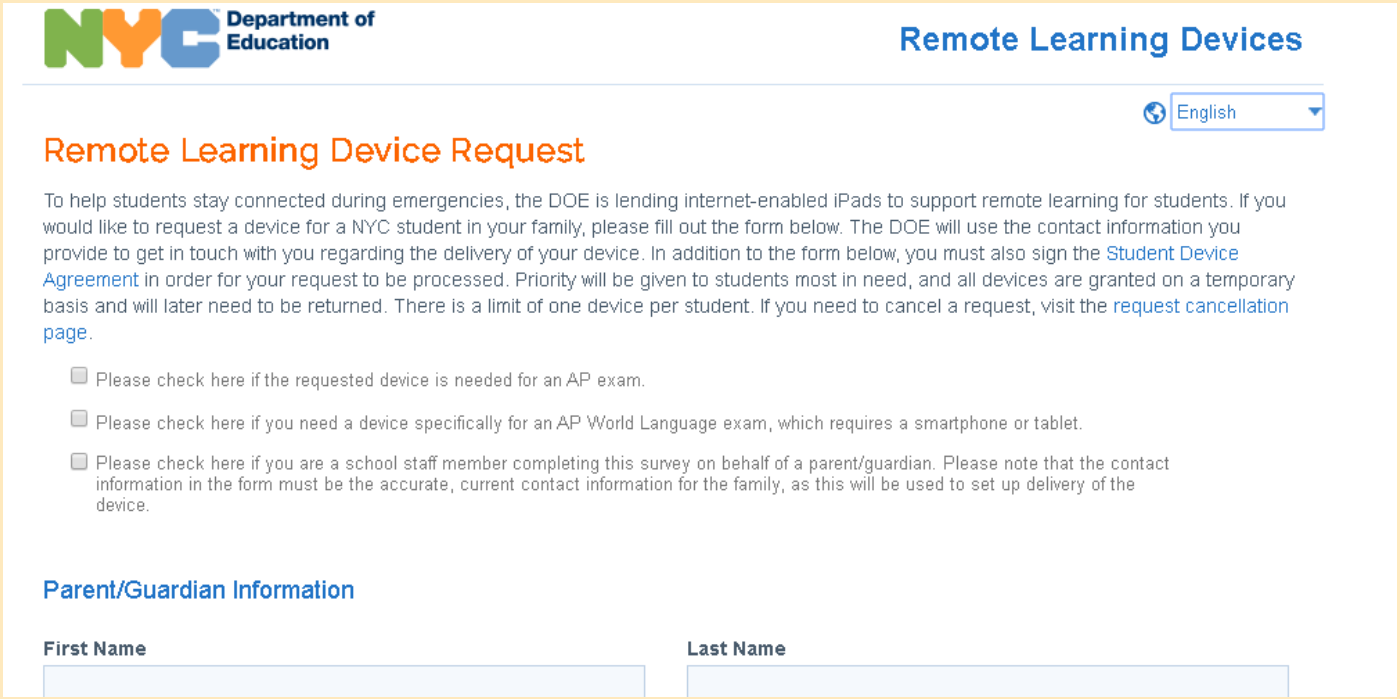
| iPads Available | Remote Learning Device Survey |
| | Call (718) 935-5100 (press 5) |
| | Forms also at DOE's Grab & Go Meal Hubs |
| Eligible Students | DOE K-12 Students + |
| | 3-K, Pre-K, EarlyLearn |
| | Students in SCIS, Special Class and receiving SEIT |

# DOE Devices





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Remote Learning Devices

English

Remote Learning Device Request

To help students stay connected during emergencies, the DOE is lending internet-enabled iPads to support remote learning for students. If you would like to request a device for a NYC student in your family, please fill out the form below. The DOE will use the contact information you provide to get in touch with you regarding the delivery of your device. In addition to the form below, you must also sign the Student Device Agreement in order for your request to be processed. Priority will be given to students most in need, and all devices are granted on a temporary basis and will later need to be returned. There is a limit of one device per student. If you need to cancel a request, visit the request cancellation page.

- Please check here if the requested device is needed for an AP exam.
- Please check here if you need a device specifically for an AP World Language exam, which requires a smartphone or tablet.
- Please check here if you are a school staff member completing this survey on behalf of a parent/guardian. Please note that the contact information in the form must be the accurate, current contact information for the family, as this will be used to set up delivery of the device.

Parent/Guardian Information

First Name

Last Name

- Don't know your child's student ID?
  - Enter 9 + child's birthday.
    - For a child born on 5/14/2016, enter 905142016.

# Quick Poll

# Tech Support



## DOE Technical Support

- Call 718-935-5100
- Technical Support Form
- Getting Started With Your iPad

## Apple Support

- Apple Care: 1-800-919-2775 (PIN 692363)

## Child's Program

- Contact your child's teacher or program

# Services for Young Children with Developmental Delays and Disabilities

## Early Intervention

- Birth to Age 3

## Preschool Special Education

- 3 & 4 year-olds

## Kindergarten

- "Turning 5" IEP Meetings & Placements

**Review AFC Guides**

# What Remote Options Exist for EI?



Call 3-1-1 or Regional Office to make a referral

Remote Screenings & Evaluations

IFSP meetings by phone

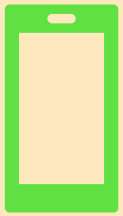
Remote services on computer, tablet or smartphone

# How Can I Get Remote EI Services?



Contact your EI Service Coordinator or call 311 to request remote (tele-therapy) services.

**Consent by text, email, fax, or mail**



**Need computer, laptop, tablet or smartphone**

**An adult must participate in sessions**

# Quick Quiz

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# EI Resources



## Questions & Support

- EI Service Coordinator
- NYC Regional EI Offices
- EI Consumer Affairs
- NYC EI Website

## Internet & Minutes

- Access Wireless Lifeline
- Assurance Wireless Lifeline
- Qlink
- SafeLink Wireless

# EI to PSSE Transition



Refer

Evaluate

By 3rd Birthday

Individualized Education Program (IEP)

Eligible

# EI to PSSE Transition During COVID-19

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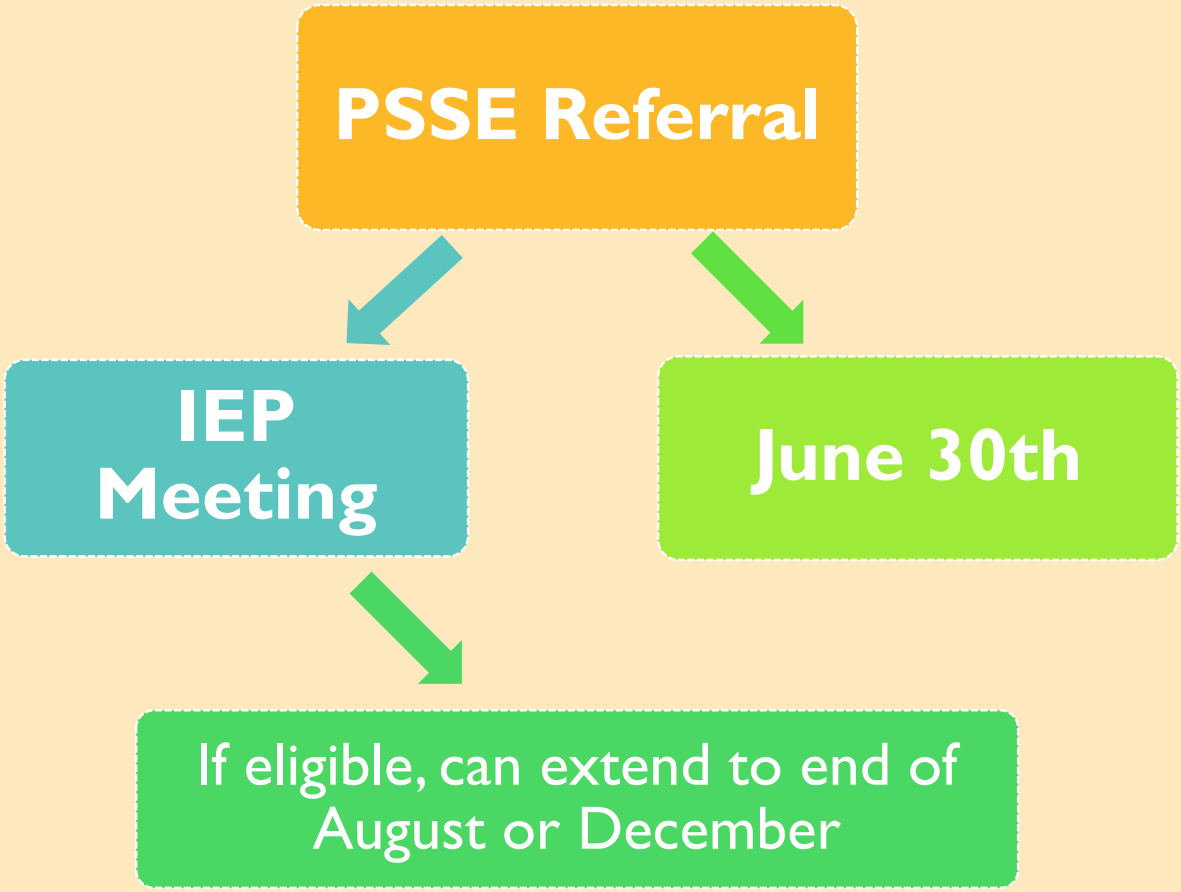
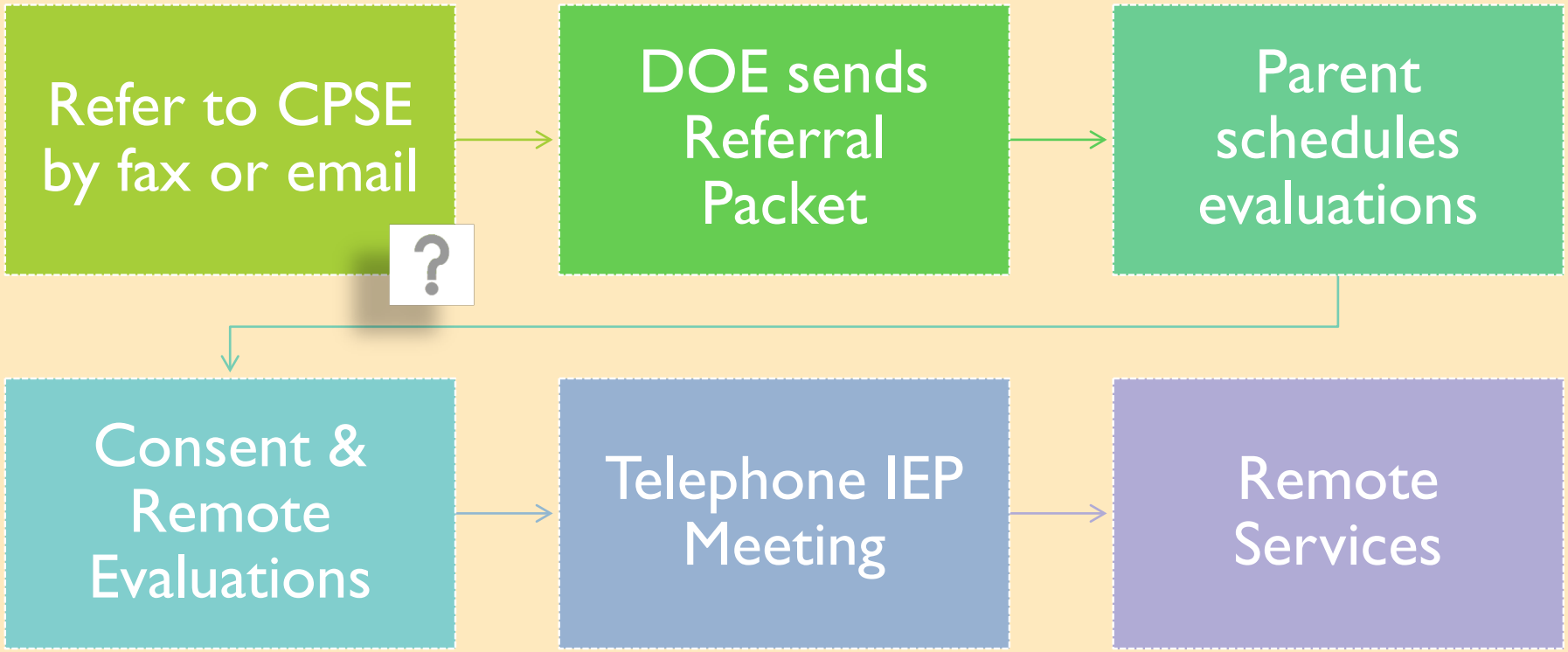



Questions? Email the DOE at eitopreschool@schools.nyc.gov and copy AFC at preschool@afcnyc.org

# What Remote Options Exist for PSSE?





# PSSE Evaluations



Remote Evaluations Have Started!

Evaluation Through Audio/Video

Includes Bilingual Evaluations

Consent to Remote Evaluation

Consent to Share EI Records

Contact CPSE with Questions

# Remote Related Services



As Mandated by IEP

Same Provider

Provider Contacts Family

Verbal Consent to Remote Services

May Not Require Video

# Remote SEIT Services



Computer, tablet, smartphone

Same Provider

Can Request DOE iPad

Based on IEP recommendation

SEIT Provider Must Contact Family

# Remote Learning Plan

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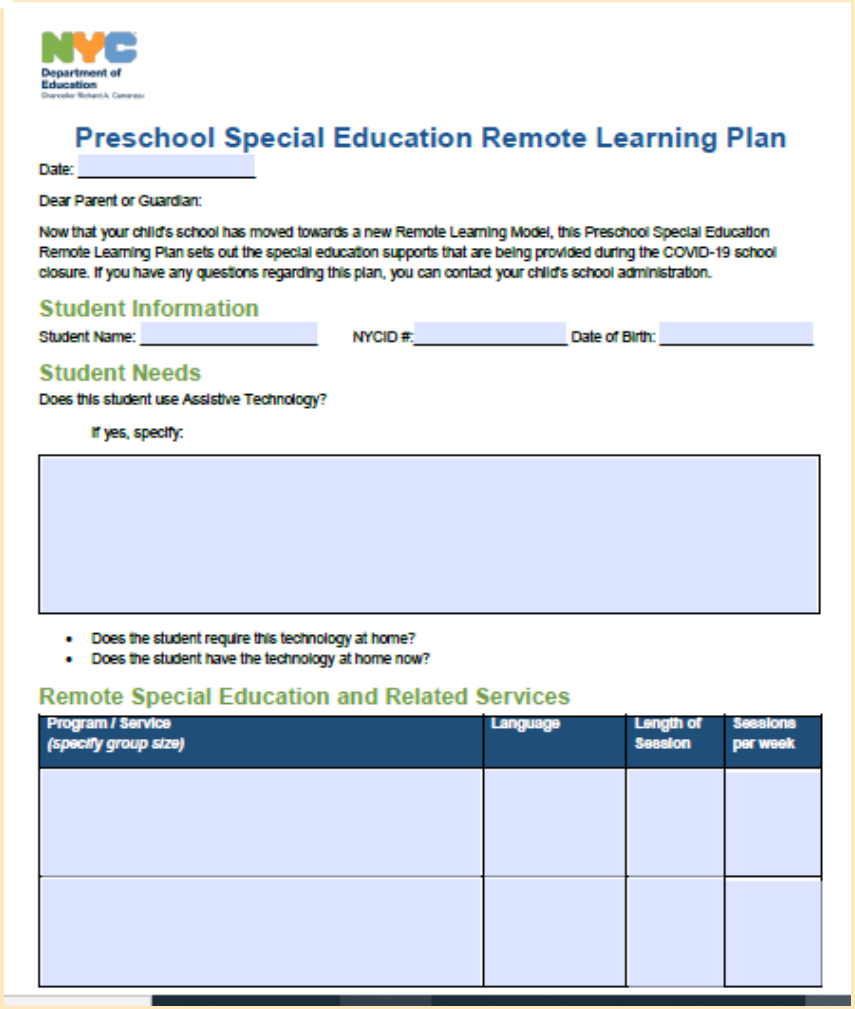
For all students in a SCIS or Special Class

Created by program with parent



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## Preschool Special Education Remote Learning Plan

Date: _____

Dear Parent or Guardian:

Now that your child's school has moved towards a new Remote Learning Model, this Preschool Special Education Remote Learning Plan sets out the special education supports that are being provided during the COVID-19 school closure. If you have any questions regarding this plan, you can contact your child's school administration.

### Student Information

Student Name: _____ NYCID #: _____ Date of Birth: _____

### Student Needs

Does this student use Assistive Technology?

If yes, specify:

- Does the student require this technology at home?
- Does the student have the technology at home now?

### Remote Special Education and Related Services

| Program / Service *(specify group size)* | Language | Length of Session | Sessions per week |
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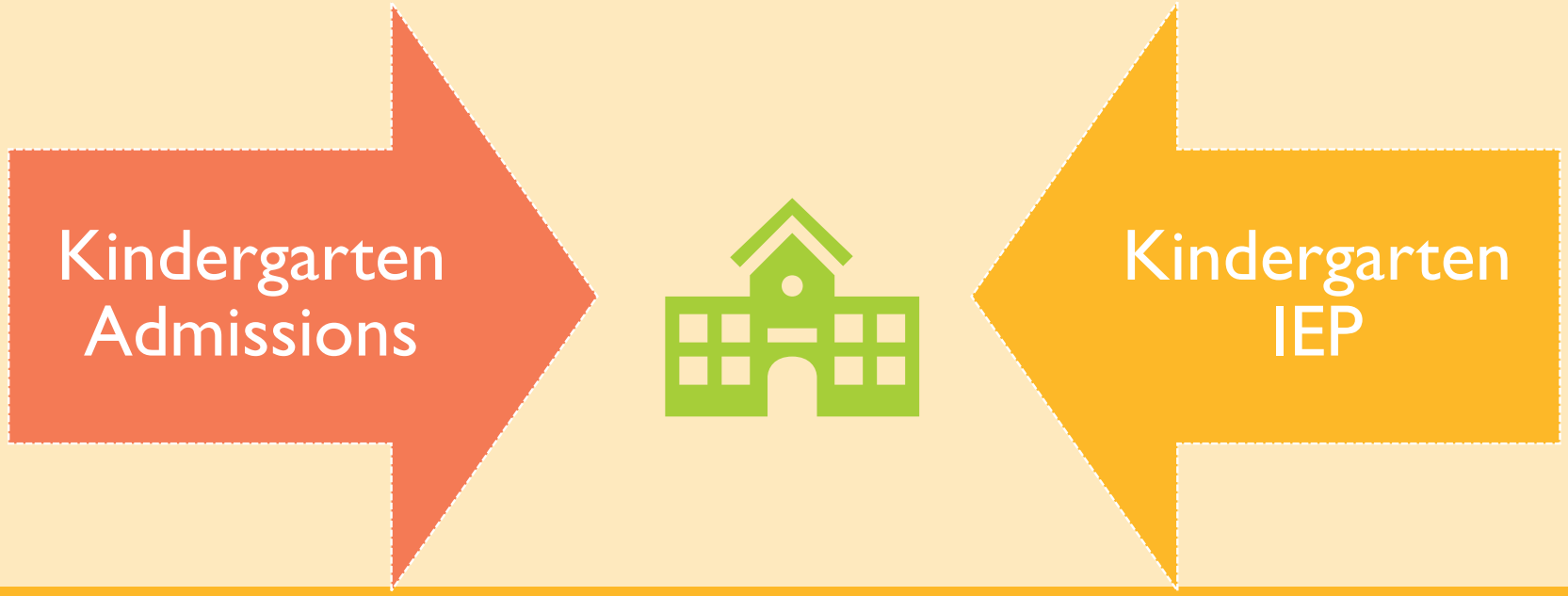
# Transition to Kindergarten



- All children born in 2015 have the right to a public-school kindergarten seat in September 2020
- Families of children with disabilities participate in two processes:



# Kindergarten Application Process

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Process is for District 1-32 Non-Specialized Schools

Offers sent in April

Accept offer by June

Hear from Waitlists

# Accepting Kindergarten Offer



**Online**

- Log on to MySchools.nyc

**Email**

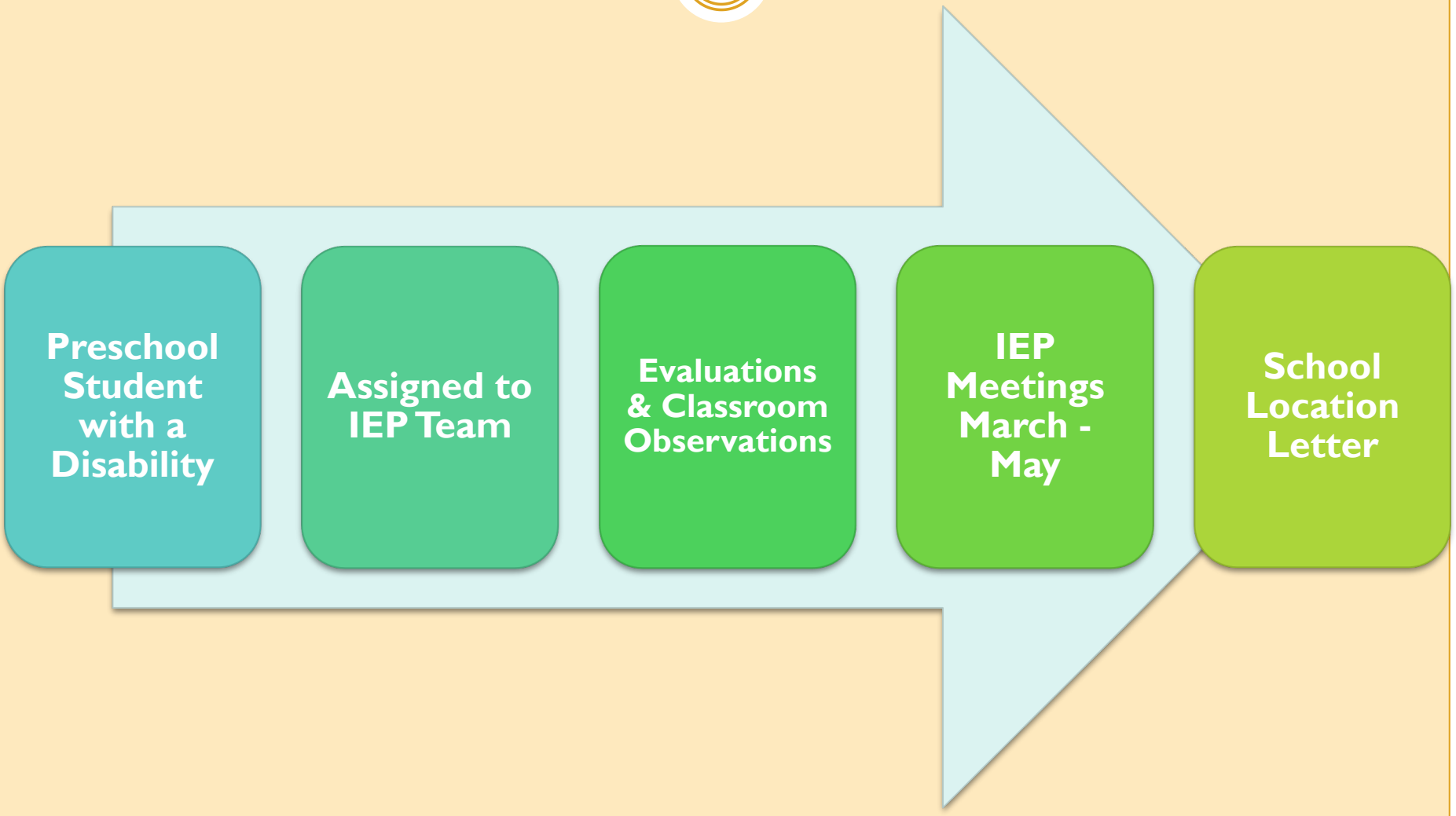
- ESEnrollment@schools.nyc.gov

**Phone**

- Call 718-935-2009

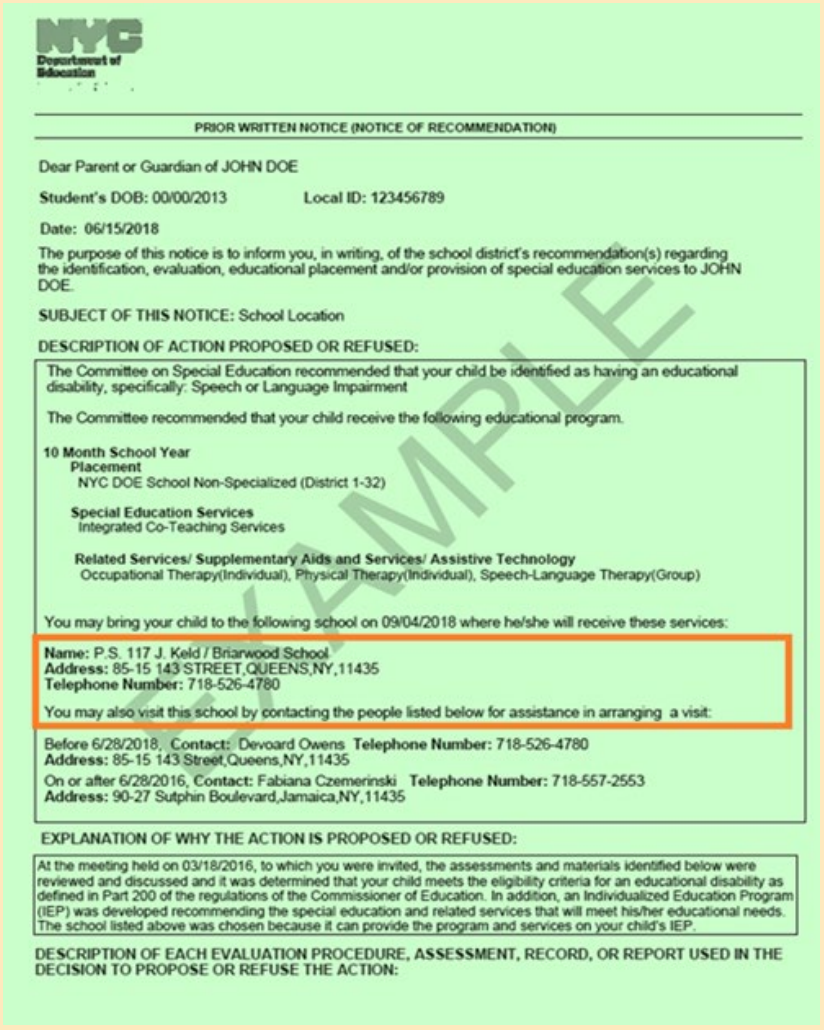
# Kindergarten T5: Overview





# School Location Letter





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PRIOR WRITTEN NOTICE (NOTICE OF RECOMMENDATION)

Dear Parent or Guardian of JOHN DOE

**Student's DOB:** 00/00/2013 **Local ID:** 123456789

**Date:** 06/15/2018

The purpose of this notice is to inform you, in writing, of the school district's recommendation(s) regarding the identification, evaluation, educational placement and/or provision of special education services to JOHN DOE.

**SUBJECT OF THIS NOTICE:** School Location

**DESCRIPTION OF ACTION PROPOSED OR REFUSED:**

The Committee on Special Education recommended that your child be identified as having an educational disability, specifically: Speech or Language Impairment

The Committee recommended that your child receive the following educational program.

**10 Month School Year**
**Placement**
NYC DOE School Non-Specialized (District 1-32)

**Special Education Services**
Integrated Co-Teaching Services

**Related Services/ Supplementary Aids and Services/ Assistive Technology**
Occupational Therapy(Individual), Physical Therapy(Individual), Speech-Language Therapy(Group)

You may bring your child to the following school on 09/04/2018 where he/she will receive these services:

**Name:** P.S. 117 J. Keld / Briarwood School
**Address:** 85-15 143 STREET,QUEENS,NY,11435
**Telephone Number:** 718-526-4780

You may also visit this school by contacting the people listed below for assistance in arranging a visit:

Before 6/28/2018, **Contact:** Devoard Owens **Telephone Number:** 718-526-4780
**Address:** 85-15 143 Street,Queens,NY,11435
On or after 6/28/2016, **Contact:** Fabiana Czemerinski **Telephone Number:** 718-557-2553
**Address:** 90-27 Sutphin Boulevard,Jamaica,NY,11435

**EXPLANATION OF WHY THE ACTION IS PROPOSED OR REFUSED:**

At the meeting held on 03/18/2016, to which you were invited, the assessments and materials identified below were reviewed and discussed and it was determined that your child meets the eligibility criteria for an educational disability as defined in Part 200 of the regulations of the Commissioner of Education. In addition, an Individualized Education Program (IEP) was developed recommending the special education and related services that will meet his/her educational needs. The school listed above was chosen because it can provide the program and services on your child's IEP.

**DESCRIPTION OF EACH EVALUATION PROCEDURE, ASSESSMENT, RECORD, OR REPORT USED IN THE DECISION TO PROPOSE OR REFUSE THE ACTION:**

SAMPLE

## Placement Questions

- T5placement@schools.nyc.gov
- Call 311

## IEP Program & Services

- Turning5@schools.nyc.gov
- Call 718-935-2007

## Contact AFC

- Copy kindergarten@afcnyc.org
- Call AFC Helpline

# Language Access Rights: Translation & Interpretation



## Arabic, Bengali, Chinese, French, Haitian-Creole, Korean, Russian, Spanish, Urdu

### Translation:

- letters
- forms
- meeting notices
- report cards
- special education documents

### Interpretation:

- parent-teacher conferences
- parent association meetings
- suspension hearings
- meetings with school staff
- special education meetings

*DOE language access complaints: (718) 935-2013 or Hello@schools.nyc.gov*

# Free Meals for All

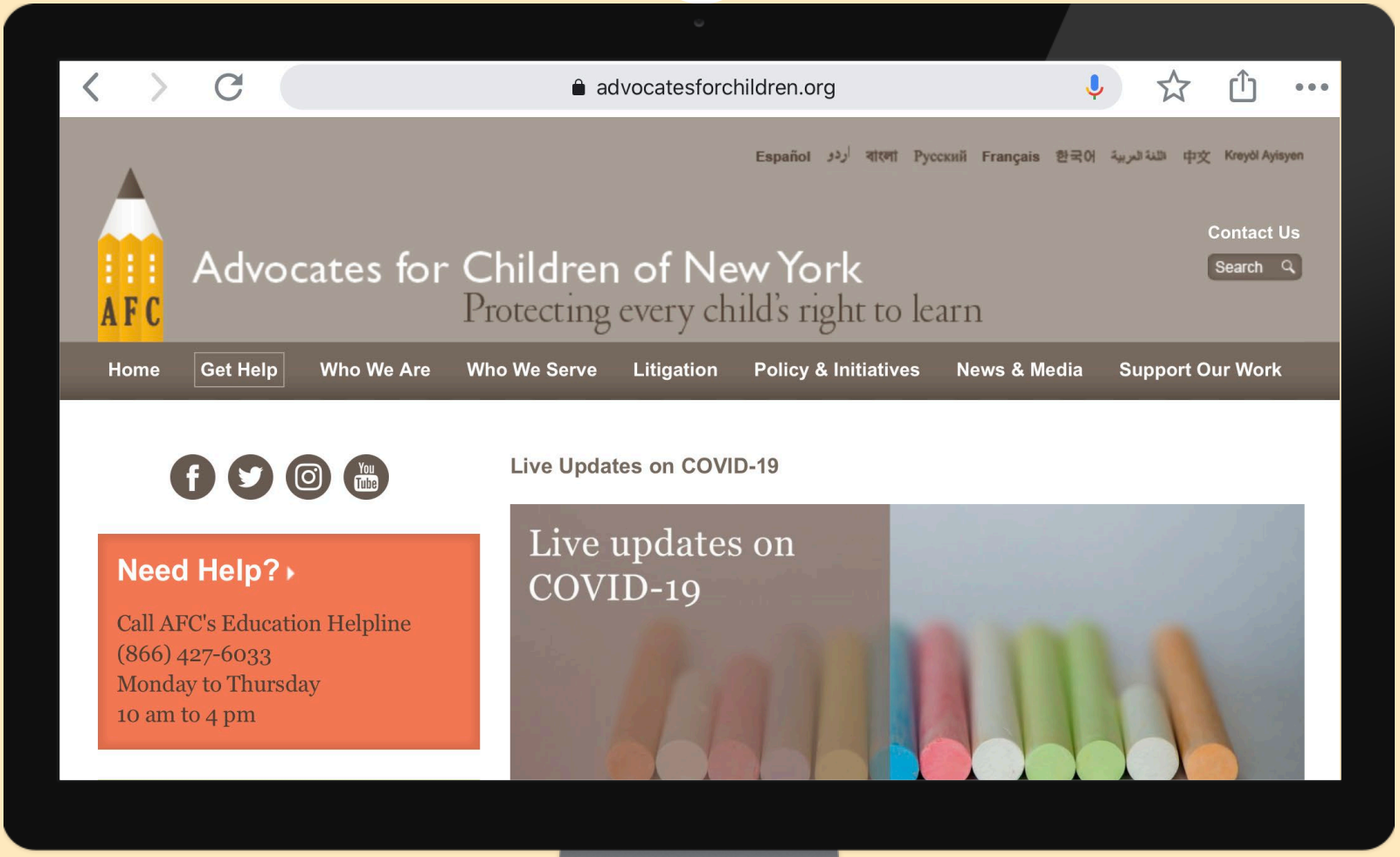


- Free Grab-and-Go Meals for all NYC Residents
  - 3 meals per person available every weekday
  - No registration needed
  - Vegetarian/Halal/kosher options available

- Pick-up everyone's meals at once: Meal Hubs
  - Or Text "Meals" or "Comida" to 877 877
  - Families: 7:30am -11:30am
  - Adults: 11:30am -1:30pm

# Check For COVID-19 Updates On Our Website





# COVID-19 Resources



## Help Now NYC

- General Resources

## Thrive NYC

- Includes 24/7 Supports and links to NYC agencies resources
- Mental Health and Emotional Support

## Comptroller COVID-19 Resource Center

- General Resources by topic

# AFC Guides & Factsheets



- AFC's "Early Childhood Trilogy"
  - Guide to Early Intervention
  - Guide to Preschool Special Education Services
  - Turning 5 Guide
- Programs & Admissions
  - Early Childhood Education Programs: A Guide to Education Programs for 3 and 4 Year Olds
  - Kindergarten Admissions Guide

**Visit Our Website!**

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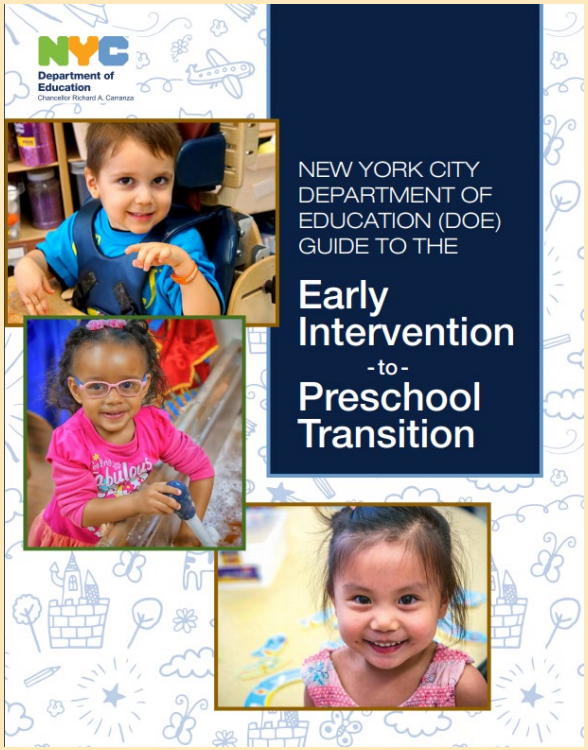


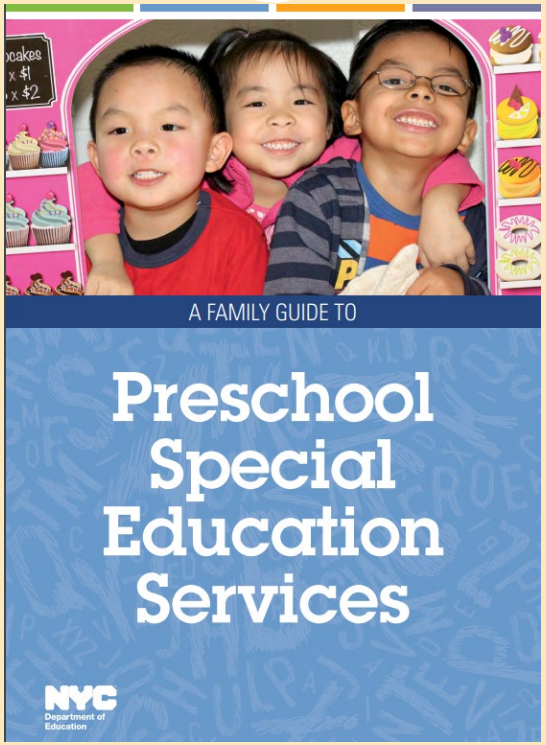


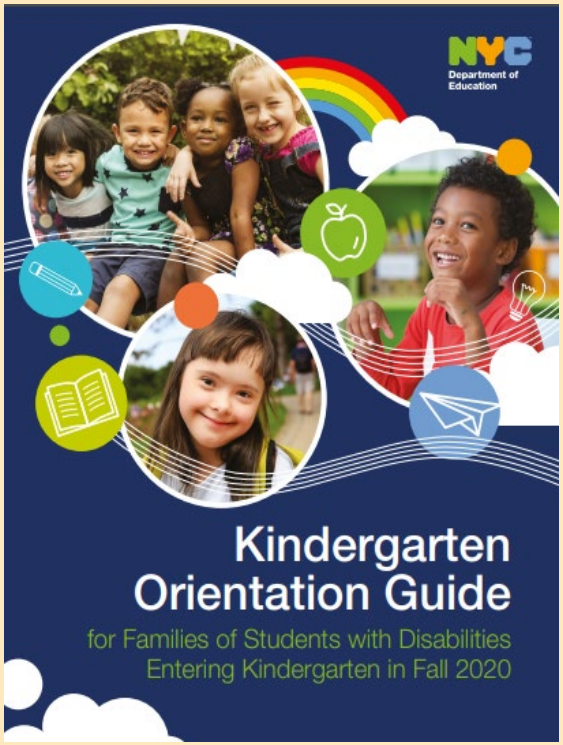


**Early Childhood Remote Learning & Activities**

**Special Education Contacts**

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## Call us with questions!

We Are Open*!

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*Remotely, of course!