



Advocates for Children of New York  
Protecting every child's right to learn





# Presentation Overview

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- MyStudent.nyc
- Safety in school/remote options
- Busing

## Special Education

- Placement
- IEP class/services
- “Recovery programs”
- Resolving Problems



# What is Advocates for Children (AFC)?

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

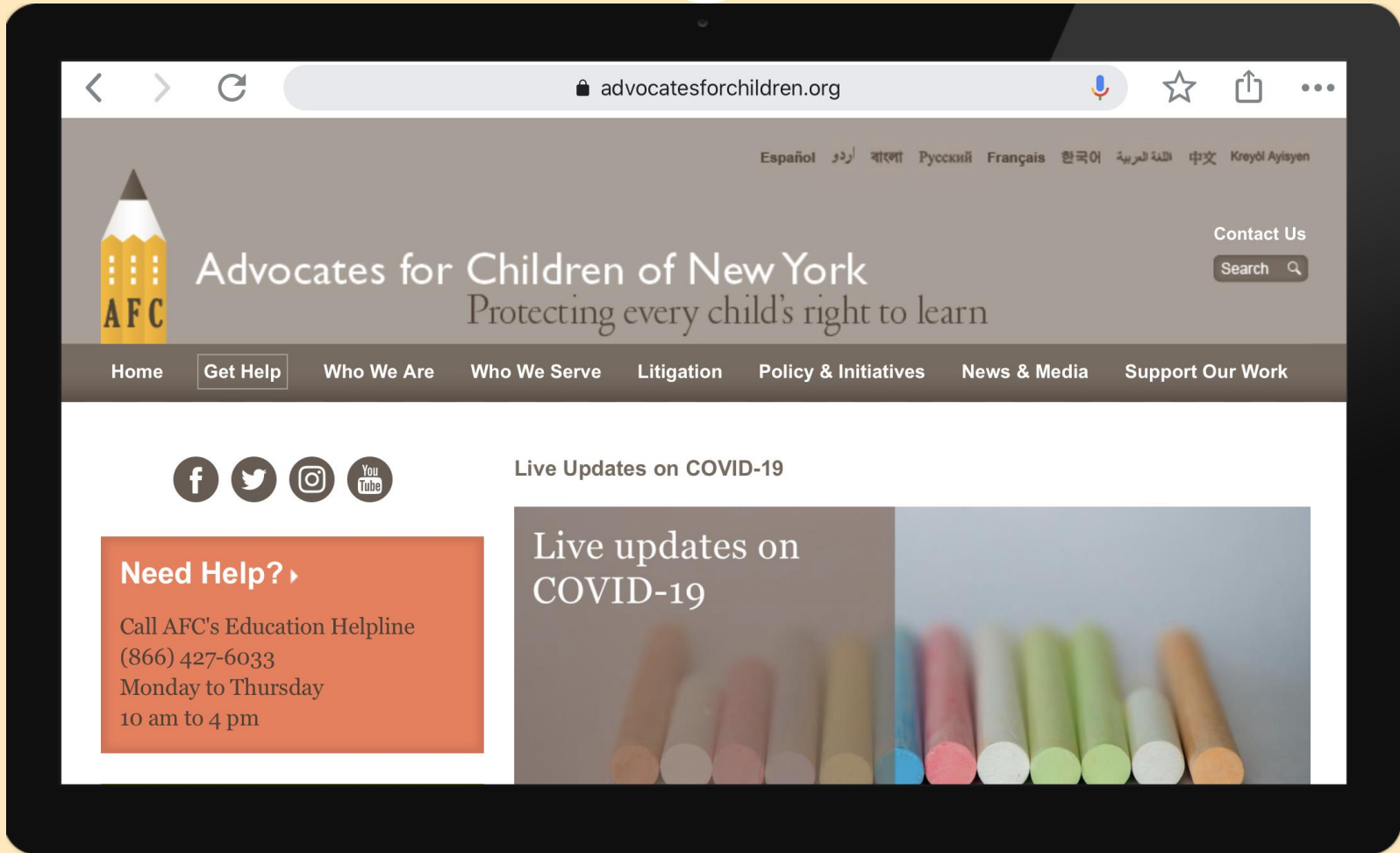
## Our Services:

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



# Check For Updates On Our [Website](#)

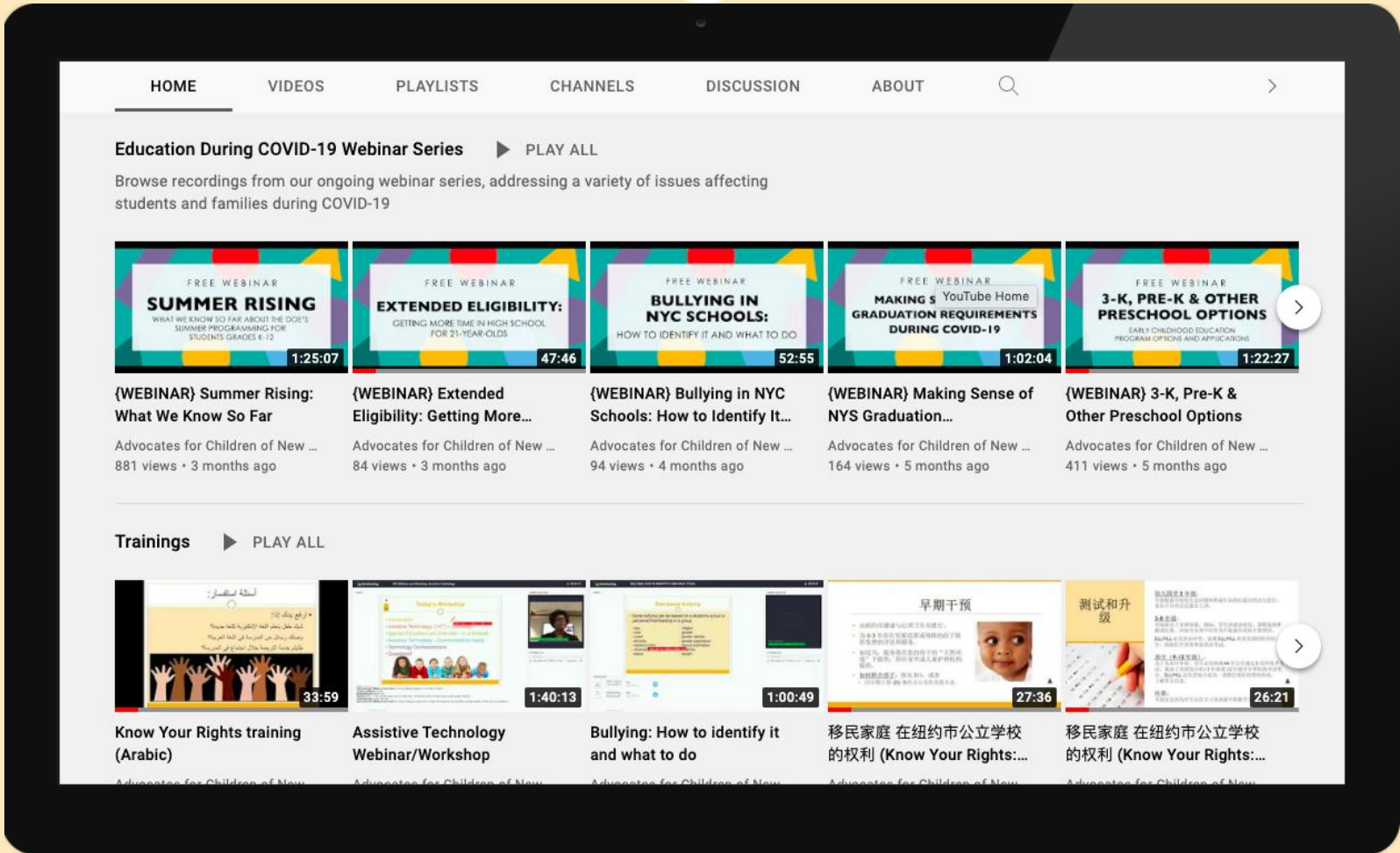
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# Check Out Our Other Workshops on YouTube

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# Before We Get Started...

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## NYC DOE In-person

No remote option

- Home Instruction
- Home Schooling



## Vaccines & Testing?



## Busing routes?

Find in MyStudent or call school

Covid Mitigation: No social distancing on buses, no vaccine requirements, but masks must be worn.



## Masks?

Yes: In school or on bus.

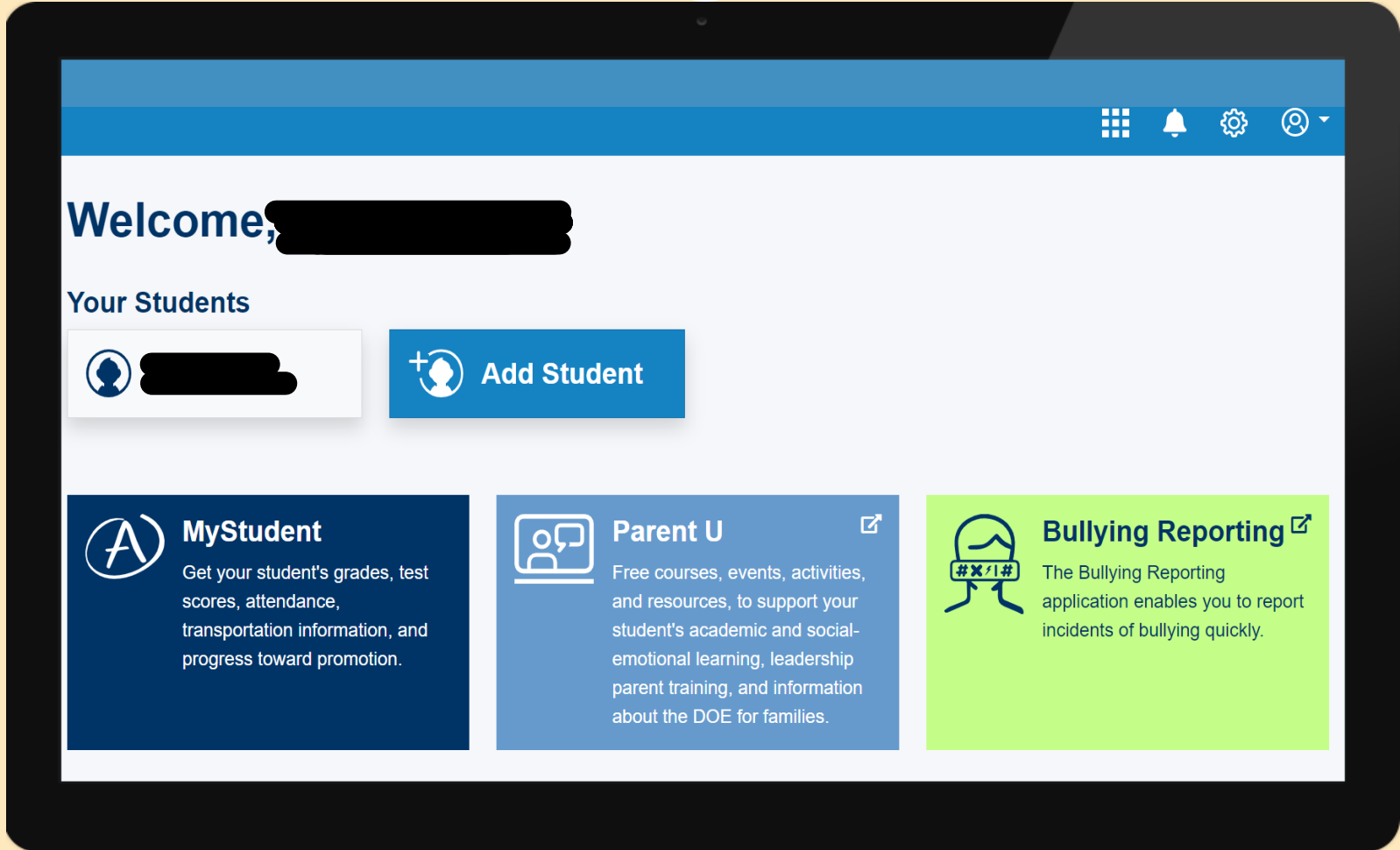


## Meals?



# MyStudent.nyc

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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.



# My Student Portal “NYCSA”

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Grades



Assessments



Reading Level



Promotion Tracker



Graduation Tracker



Student Documents



IEP



Attendance



Schedule



Student Wellness



Transportation



Guardians



Enrollment



Student



Emergency Contact





# To Create an Account

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Follow the directions on the DOE's flyer [here](#).



Don't have a letter with a creation code (sent home last year)? Contact your child's school.



# Questions?

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# 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.

**N.Y.C. LAB SCHOOL FOR COLLABORATIVE STUDIES (02M412)** [↗](#)

**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



# Transportation

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## Get Route number/bus company

Mystudent.nyc  
Call your child's school



## Check any accommodations

Does Mystudent 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 – be persistent! Get incident #

# Vaccines, Masks, and Screening



School-based DOE  
staff must vaccinate  
\*But not bus staff

DOE encouraging  
vaccination for  
students  $\geq 12$

Daily Health  
Screening Forms for  
Students and Staff

Stay home and Test if  
not feeling well.

Face masks required  
on buses and in  
schools (except  
medical exemptions)

"Mask breaks" for  
students



# Physical Distancing

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At least 3 feet between people in schools, if possible

BUT: No physical distancing on buses

Elementary schools students stay in the same group as much as possible

Staggered schedules and use of extra/non-typical spaces for extra room during school meals



# Covid Testing

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## Students

- Students not fully vaccinated:
  - Testing with consent

## Staff

- All Staff must be vaccinated
  - First dose by 9/27
  - Testing until fully vaccinated



# What happens if there's a positive case?

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## Elementary

- All students in class with positive person quarantine for 10 days
- Will get live/synchronous instruction

## Middle/high school

- Stay in school if vaccinated & no symptoms
- Symptoms or unvaccinated must quarantine for 10 days (but unvaccinated and no symptoms can test on day 5 go back on day 7)
- Will get access to remote instruction (office hours)

## Multiple cases in school?

- Stay tuned! The city has not said when a school will close.





# Medically Necessary Home Instruction

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- Students who cannot attend school because of medical needs can get educational services outside of school.
  - Certified teacher(s) in the student's home, or
  - Individual and small group remote instruction
- Typically for just a few hours a day
- **New and important:** Students with several conditions will automatically be approved for home instruction
  - See [schools.nyc.gov/homecoming](https://schools.nyc.gov/homecoming) for a list.
  - **Other students who need home instruction can still apply**



# Questions?

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**Special  
Education**

**No Placement:**

**Pre-School**

## Related Services Only

- Office of Enrollment  
(718) 935-2009
- [esenrollment@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:esenrollment@schools.nyc.gov).

## Special Class

- CPSE

## Special Education

No Placement:

K - 8th

### Related Services, ICT, Special Class in Community School

- K / MS admissions process
- More options? FWC

### D 75

- PWN or SLL
- No / inappropriate placement?
  - [D75info@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:D75info@schools.nyc.gov) or
  - 212 802-1500 ask for Boro placement officer

## Special Education

## No Placement:

## High School

### Related Services, ICT, Special Class in Community School: HS Admissions Process

- If you moved or want other options: FWC
- Child turned 21 before June 30, 2021: can stay or return to school. Call last school.

### D 75

- PWN or SLL
- [D75info@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:D75info@schools.nyc.gov) or 212 802-1500 ask for Boro placement officer

### Not in School Last Year?

- NYC: Contact last school
- New to NYC, have prior IEP: Comparable Service Plan
- Contact CPSE (PK), zoned or assigned school (K-HS), FWC (All) or CSE if needs specialized settings



# Questions?

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# NYC Academic Recovery Plan

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Afterschool/Saturday programs for students with disabilities  
“recovery services”

To make up for losses in learning due to  
COVID

When? Sometime this Fall; Still awaiting details



# Recovery vs. Compensatory

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## Recovery:

- To make up for delays due to COVID
- Afterschool & Weekends
- Coordinated by school
- Details still coming – mid fall?

## Compensatory:

- To make up for not providing appropriate services/program
- Parent has to request (in writing!)
- Ask for whatever student needs (private providers, services during school etc.)
- May have to use due process

**TIP:** If you agree to recovery services but your child also needs compensatory services, write on any acceptance form that your child needs more help.





# 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**



# 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



Borough Support Organization (B/CO)

Administrator of Special Education



DOE Central – Office of Special Education

(718) 935-2007 or [specialeducation@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:specialeducation@schools.nyc.gov)

For school, superintendent and B/Co Contact Information  
visit: <https://sites.google.com/a/strongschools.nyc/contacts/>



# Special Education- Problems

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## Charter School wants you to waive/change IEP or leave?

- Complaint: Call the Office of School Design and Charter Partnerships at (212) 374-5419 or
- Go to [www.schools.nyc.gov/school-life/school-environment/get-help-at-your-charter-school](http://www.schools.nyc.gov/school-life/school-environment/get-help-at-your-charter-school) and click on “file a complaint.”

## Remember: Need Make Up Services?

- DOE afterschool & Saturday programs to help students with IEPs.
- Compensatory Services: if you need them, ask! In writing.



# Special Education- Problems

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## What if school doesn't have what is on IEP?

- Start with your School.
- Call DOE Special Education Hotline
- Contact Family Support Coordinator at Superintendent's office.

## Need Changes to IEP?

- School should hold IEP meeting; can also agree to changes in writing.

## School Cannot Offer the Service?

- School should work with their Boro Citywide Office to find provider
- If not... RSAs



# Who to Contact

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Contact DOE's Special Education Office via  
**[specialeducation@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:specialeducation@schools.nyc.gov)**

- No response to referral
- Evaluations not help/appropriate
- IEP meeting not scheduled
- IEP not implemented
- Have not received copy of IEP

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



# Who to Contact II

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## Related services

- [Relatedservices@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:Relatedservices@schools.nyc.gov)

## Transition to Kindergarten

- [Turning5@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:Turning5@schools.nyc.gov)

## Special Ed at Charter Schools

- [CSE Chairperson](#)

## Specialized Programs

- [Specializedprograms@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:Specializedprograms@schools.nyc.gov)

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



# Follow Up Q & A Webinar

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We'll see you again on  
September 27, 2021  
at 4pm



# Wrapping up: Reminders!

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- If you need help, ask! We are Open!
- Things change, check for updates:  
<https://www.advocatesforchildren.org/covid-19-updates>
- Call Our Helpline: 866-427-6033
  - Toll free
  - Monday-Thursday
  - 10am-4pm
- Email Us: [Info@advocatesforchildren.org](mailto:Info@advocatesforchildren.org)







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**THANK YOU!**

**PLEASE STAY SAFE!**

**TEXT AFCALERTS TO 22828  
TO OPT-IN FOR WEEKLY UPDATES!!**