

Modifications to the IEP Teacher Position for the 2020-21 School Year

Paragraph 5 of the September 25, 2020 Memorandum of Agreement [LINK-
<https://www.uft.org/sites/default/files/attachments/remote-work-moa.pdf>] between the DOE and the UFT altered the number of periods that an IEP Teacher can be programmed to teach special education in the event a certified, in person, teacher in the assigned school is not available. The MOA also states that IEP teachers should be programmed to teach special education ELA classes (ICT, self-contained) in the event they are scheduled to teach. This is the language from the MOA:

Centrally Funded IEP Teacher

Centrally-funded IEP teachers shall be assigned to (i) prepare and participate in IEP meetings a minimum of (5) periods per week and (ii) provide evidenced based literacy interventions to students identified as at-risk and students with disabilities for a minimum of (7) periods per week.

The balance of the teacher's schedule will be programmed, at the discretion of the principal, for (i) providing additional literacy interventions; (ii) in the event a certified, in-person, teacher in the assigned school is not available, teach up to a maximum of ten (10) (if there are special education teachers in compensatory time positions) or fifteen (15) (if there are no special education teachers in compensatory time positions) additional periods per week; (iii) provide literacy instruction to students attending in-person and remotely for the balance of the work week. In the event an IEP teacher is scheduled to teach, to the greatest extent possible, IEP Teachers should be programmed to teach

special Education ELA classes (ICT, self-contained). School supervisors will continue to allow IEP teachers to attend all required training.

IEP Teacher Questions and Answers

How many periods can centrally-funded IEP teachers be programmed to teach?

The number of teaching periods for a centrally-funded IEP teacher cannot exceed 15 periods in a week. If there are any special education teachers in the school that hold compensatory time positions, then the centrally-funded IEP teachers cannot be assigned to more than 10 teaching periods in a week.

Does the [Sept. 25, 2020 MOA](#) have any impact on school-funded IEP teachers?

No. The MOA only impacts centrally-funded IEP teachers.

Are there any required components of a centrally-funded IEP teacher program?

Yes. Centrally-funded IEP teachers' programs have two required components: (1) prepare and participate in IEP meetings a minimum of five (5) periods per week and (2) provide evidenced-based literacy interventions to students identified as at-risk and students with disabilities for a minimum of (7) periods per week. The balance of the program is determined by the school supervisor however there is a limit to the number of teaching periods per week.

Are schools required to release centrally-funded IEP teachers for central training?

Yes. Training for centrally-funded IEP teachers will be remote; however, teachers must be released for the time needed to attend mandated training.

Can a school supervisor assign a centrally-funded IEP teacher to any open teaching assignment available?

To the greatest extent possible, IEP teachers should be programmed to teach Special Education ELA classes (ICT, self-contained); however, if not possible and/or coverage is required in another special education period, then the teacher may be assigned to cover that period.