

Updates on SERS Sensory Education, Exploration and Discovery (SEED) Program Enrollment

As part of [Special Education Recovery Service \(SERS\)](#) offerings, shared in the September 10 edition of [Principals Digest](#), the DOE will launch the Sensory Education, Exploration and Discovery (SEED) program in January, at [ten designated therapeutic spaces](#) (see page 3) in public schools across the city. SEED will provide supports led by Centrally-staffed occupational and physical therapists for students who display intensive sensory needs that impact academics, social-emotional learning, and behavior. The program will operate in ten-week cycles, after school hours, on Monday through Thursday (for host site students from the ten schools mentioned above) and Saturdays (for non-host site students participating from all other schools), over the course of the school year.

Principals of host sites should continue to refer to communications from the SEED team for their next steps. Principals of non-host site schools should note the following:

- Based on a clinical review of their caseload, school-based occupational and physical therapists from non-host site schools have identified students for participation in the SEED program on Saturdays; school psychologists are in the process of identifying students in schools without an assigned therapist. SEED providers will begin outreach during the week of December 20 to families of identified students, to determine interest in enrolling their child for SEED.
- Principals in these [non-host site schools with students who fit the criteria](#) for the SEED program, will receive a list of selected students via email from seedprogramors@schools.nyc.gov during the week of January 3.

Upon receipt of confirmation of family interest in the SEED program, principals of students in host site and non-host site schools should ensure that their IEP case managers confirm the offer by issuing a revised SERS Plan to all applicable families, using these [instructions](#).

For additional information, please see the [SEED Program Overview](#). For transportation guidance, please refer to [MetroCards and Transportation](#)

Reimbursement for Special Education Recovery Services. For questions and/or to nominate additional students for SEED email seedprogramors@schools.nyc.gov.