

SPECIAL EDUCATION

Updates to Special Education Recovery Services Cost Factors

To support and encourage schools to maximize the use of Special Education Recovery Services (SERS) funds under [SAM #70](#), new and expanded cost factors are available to schools.

The following new cost factors are available:

- **Library Books** (to send home for student/guardian shared reading);
- **Professional Development** (to include activities for families who drop off students and wish to stay on-site to engage in professional-development (PD) activities; provided by a vendor);
- **School Secretary Per Session** (to compensate for processing timekeeping); and
- **Teacher Per Session** (special and general education; to fund training/PD outside of school or program hours).

The following existing cost factors have been expanded to include additional activities:

- **Education Consultants** (activities or training to supplement SERS programming, or for families);
- **Ed Para Bulk** (transportation paraprofessionals); note that cost factor in Galaxy is shown as Ed Para Bulk;
- **Supplies** (programmatic technology and Augmentative and Alternative Communication);
- **Equipment** (programmatic technology and Augmentative and Alternative Communication);
- **Educational Software** (supplemental digital resources/subscriptions);
- **Supervisor Per Session** (coverage during scheduling gaps between school and SERS hours); and
- **Teacher Per Diem** (special and general education; for relevant PD related to enriching SERS programming).

If you have offered SERS to all students with IEPs and have capacity to offer additional hours, funds may also be used to provide additional SERS to students who have already completed their initial cycles; note that this an existing cost

factor that remains unchanged. For questions related to SERS, or assistance with scheduling funds, contact your BCO [administrator of special education \(ASE\)](#). Schools in need of additional funding under this SAM should contact their BCO [director for special education](#) and [budget director](#).

To support students who require an alternative to recovery services offered, schools and families should continue to email sers@schools.nyc.gov.