

DOE After-School: Requesting Nurse and/or Paraprofessional Services

In accordance with the revised [After-School and Extracurricular Activity guidance](#) (originally shared in a previous edition of [Principals Digest](#)), DOE Central will ensure appropriate funds are allocated to provide nursing services and/or paraprofessional services in DOE-sponsored after-school programs or other DOE-sponsored extracurricular activities—when consistent with the participating DOE student’s Individualized Education Program (IEP) and/or Section 504 Plan, and when students receives such services during the school day. Examples of DOE-sponsored programs include, but are not limited to:

- School-sponsored programs;
- Parent association/parent teacher association-sponsored programs; and
- DYCD COMPASS or SONYC after-school programs meeting in a DOE building.

When schools receive requests for such services from parents or programs, the 504 coordinator, principal, or designee, follows the recently revised [After-School and Extracurricular Activity guidance](#) to submit the relevant request form (attached to the guidance) to the Office of School Health Nursing Unit (for nursing services) or the BCO (for paraprofessional services). The health director and/or school nurse, nursing supervisor, or borough nursing director will inform the school’s 504 coordinator and principal of whether the request for services is approved and whether Central funding applies to such services.

Private programs that are not DOE-sponsored have an independent obligation to accommodate DOE students at no cost to the DOE, and are required under [Chancellor’s Regulation D-180](#) to make this clear in their communications and materials about the activity held on school grounds, in addition to communicating that the activity is not DOE-sponsored or endorsed.

For questions about accommodation requests for DOE students in DOE-sponsored or other programs, contact your BCO [health director](#) and copy the [section 504 program manager](#), and BCO [budget director](#).