



New York City Department of Education Guidance for Remote Provision of Services and Assessments during the 2022-23 School Year (applicable to DOE, DOE-contracted, Charter, Nonpublic Schools, School Age and Preschool)

During the 2022-23 school year, services and assessments must be provided in person as per the DoE cascade of services, except as detailed here.

Services – Upon parent request and only when approved by the DOE, **counseling, OT, PT, bilingual speech, and SETSS** may be provided remotely in the following circumstances:

- When provided by DOE / contracted providers working with students outside the school day, including:
 - a DOE provider working pursuant to an RSA under the universal waiver or
 - during per session or overtime as part of compensatory services
- When provided by independent providers outside the school day (pursuant to RSA or P3 letters, including at an enhanced rate)

Parent requests for any of the above services must be made to the principal (for public schools) or to the CSE/CPSE (for nonpublic, charter and preschool), and requests must be documented and uploaded to SESIS or noted as a SESIS event. In addition, OT, PT and speech providers must obtain and document [parental consent for remote services](#) as directed by the DoE. Providers must only agree to provide remote services when it is clear that the student is able to receive **educational benefit** from remote sessions. If principals need guidance on making determinations, contact the corresponding OT/PT/SP Manager using the ORS [Directory School age speech assessments](#) – School age speech assessments may be conducted remotely upon parent request, only after all in-person options have been exhausted, and with the approval of the speech management team and / or Director of Assessments, Maria Desimone at mdesimone@schools.nyc.gov from the Office of Related Services.

For all other school-age and pre-school services (including SEIT) and assessments (including preschool speech): If you are working with or are aware of a student for whom there are barriers to the in-person provision of services or assessments, public schools must please reach out to the related service discipline manager ORS [Directory](#) (school age students) and nonpublic schools, charters and preschool providers, should reach out to the CSE to discuss the barriers. Except where authorized by the Special Education Office in writing, services, aside from those listed above, cannot be provided remotely. If remote services are being provided, services should resume in person as soon as possible in any setting.

For questions about this policy, please contact the appropriate [Committee on Preschool Special Education](#) or relatedservices@schools.nyc.gov.