

Office of Special Education Quality Assurance (SEQA)  
Hudson Valley County Representative ~ Preschool Reminders  
NOVEMBER 5, 2020

**Provision of Services to Students with Disabilities During Statewide School Closures Due to Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Outbreak in New York State**

<http://www.p12.nysed.gov/specialed/publications/2020-memos/provision-of-services-during-covid-19-pandemic.htm>

**Frequently Asked Questions and Answers Regarding the Provision of Services to Students with Disabilities During the 2020-21 School Year (October 15, 2020)**

<http://www.nysed.gov/common/nysed/files/programs/reopening-schools/special-education-faq-2020-21.pdf>

**Guidelines for Determining if Mealtime May be Included When Calculating Instructional Time for Preschool Special Education Programs (October 2020)**

<http://www.p12.nysed.gov/specialed/documents/guidelines-instructional-mealtime-preschool-special-education-october-2020.pdf>

**OSEP Guidance**

September 28, 2020

<https://www2.ed.gov/policy/speced/guid/idea/memosdcltrs/ga-provision-of-services-idea-part-b-09-28-2020.pdf>

**Reminders...**

**The responsibility of ensuring evaluations are done within regulatory timelines lies with the district.**

- **Ch. 429 of the Laws of 2017**, deemed school districts to be approved MDE without needing to apply to SED. A district would enter into a contract with the county and provide the necessary evaluation to the preschooler who was referred or will be referred in the future.
- ✓ **200.9(f)(ii)** Evaluation costs will be reimbursed either as part of the tuition rate or through a separate evaluation rate, as warranted by the commissioner. Such separate evaluation rates shall be established by the commissioner and transmitted to the Director of the Budget for approval

**How to Register for Special Education Updates....**

**Register to Receive Information on Services for Students with Disabilities**  
<http://www.p12.nysed.gov/specialed/publications/register.htm>

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### Website Resources

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For **NYSED news**, go to: <http://www.p12.nysed.gov/>

**Topical Listing of Special Education Publications**  
<http://www.p12.nysed.gov/specialed/publications/topics.htm>

**Board of Regents**  
<https://www.regents.nysed.gov/>

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