Saturday Academy and Compensatory Related Services

As an update to the October 10 edition of Principals Digest, schools must support families with enrollment in Saturday Academy for:

- Compensatory services not provided in the student’s assigned school; and
- Mandated occupational (OT), physical (PT), and speech (SP) therapy services not being provided, in accordance with IEP recommendations.

Compensatory Services: As schools conduct IEP meetings for students throughout the school year, IEP teams must complete the process of Determining the Need for Compensatory Services at IEP Meetings. Schools should enroll students who are determined to need compensatory services to receive their IEP-recommended compensatory OT, PT, and SP services at a designated Saturday Academy site if they fit the criteria below:

- Students for whom compensatory OT, PT, and/or SP services have been recommended and have not been arranged.

For students who require compensatory services that cannot be provided at the school level, please complete this form, in collaboration with students’ families. Following completion of the form, families will be contacted by the DOE to confirm site preference and schedule services.

Mandated Services: Parents of students whose current IEP recommends OT/PT/SP services, and for whom services have not been arranged, will be receiving the Saturday Academy Family Letter via an email from RelatedServices@schools.nyc.gov during the week of December 18. You should also backpack home this letter to eligible students, in the relevant home language, by December 22. You will receive an email from RelatedServices@schools.nyc.gov during the week of December 11, containing a list of eligible students who should receive this letter and attached copies of the translated letter in all DOE languages. As in previous years, Saturday Academy is not a full-day program and MetroCards will be provided to families for travel to the Saturday Academy site.

For more information, refer to the SY 2023–24 Saturday Academy Related Services FAQ. For questions, email relatedservices@schools.nyc.gov.