

You are eligible for a money remedy for missed special education services from Chicago Public Schools.

Dear «First1» «Last1»,

During the 2016-17 and 2017-18 school years, some students at Chicago Public Schools (CPS) did not receive all Individualized Education Plan (IEP) services that they were entitled to because of CPS policies that made it harder for IEP teams to provide those services. CPS believes that you may have been one of the students who missed out on services, and as part of a project called “Student Specific Corrective Action,” or “SSCA,” **CPS is offering you a money remedy for the services you missed. You are eligible for a remedy under <<AREA>>. See the chart below to learn how much money you may be entitled to.**

CPS Identified Area	Remedy (per year)
Extended School Year (ESY)	\$800.00
Transportation	\$1,250.00
Paraprofessional	\$2,000.00
Specific Learning Disability (SLD)	\$4,000.00
Budget (Impact on special education staff)	\$2,000.00

To claim your remedy (monetary compensation), go to www.CPS-SSCA.com. You will need to have ready the Claim ID number and PIN (see above), as well as the address to which you would like the remedy sent. After you enter your information, you will see the amount of money that is being offered to you. You will then have the option to accept that money, decline the money, or ask for an SSCA meeting to determine whether the remedy amount should be higher.

The deadline for claiming the money remedy is April 30, 2022. If you do not claim it by the deadline, you will lose the money.

CPS recommends using the money to buy educational services or materials to make up the services that were missed. For example: tutoring, therapy, sports camps, music lessons, museum memberships, art classes, learning software, books, and so on. The money remedy is meant to help make up for any learning that you may have missed because you did not receive the services you should have been provided during the 2016-17 or 2017-18 school years. If you were identified under the transportation area, the remedy is meant to reimburse you for providing your own transportation.

Please note that if you receive public benefits, the money remedy could have an impact on those benefits. If you have concerns about your benefits, contact the Mayor’s Office for People with Disabilities at (312) 744-7050, or Legal Aid Chicago at (312) 341-1070 for assistance with this issue *before accepting your remedy*. Limited service-based remedies are available to families who would lose their benefits if they accepted the money remedy being offered by CPS.

For more information about SSCA, visit cps.edu/ssca or email ssca@cps.edu. You can also call CPS at (773) 553-1843 with questions about SSCA, or CPS’s SSCA Claims Administrator at 1-888-847-7894 with questions about filing your claim. You can also call the Equip for Equality hotline to talk to a lawyer who represents students for free: (312) 895-7231.

Sincerely,

SSCA Claims Administrator