

*STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES  
COVID-19 AND RECOVERY*

*DISABILITY TASK FORCE*

*6/9/2021*

# IN-PERSON LEARNING

- All districts returned to in-person learning
- Parents could choose to continue remote learning
- Comply with health and safety requirements

## SUMMER—EXTENDED SCHOOL YEAR

- Districts must provide in-person extended school year (ESY)
- Schools must allow choice for families who need remote learning for ESY
- Other summer education in-person programs should accommodate students with disabilities

# COMPENSATORY SERVICES

**IEP meetings for all students who may need compensatory services to address regression or lack of progress**

- Past school year and current school year
- Districts should prioritize getting information and data from families
- Student who turn 22 can still receive compensatory services
- If file complaint with DESE: be aware 1 year limit

## FALL 2021

- All schools will be required to be in-person, full-time, five days a week
- Health and safety requirements lifted, including physical distancing
- Districts can no longer offer remote learning as standard learning model
  - home hospital/tutoring (documented medical condition)

# RECOVERY AND RACIAL EQUITY CONCERNS

- COVID-19 has disproportionately impacted Black, Latinx and other students of color
- Discipline, restraints, seclusion
- Removal to separate settings
- English learners with disabilities
- Regression and loss of skills

# PROBLEM RESOLUTION SYSTEM

- Addresses complaints that a school is not following legal requirements
- Can be filed by a parent, student, advocate, educator, community members, or other third party
- Submit complaint online in English or Spanish
- Print form available in 8 additional languages
- File a PRS complaint [online](#), or print form to scan, fax, or mail

## RESOURCES

- Contact MAC's Helpline: (617) 357-8431 or [massadvocates.org/helpline](https://massadvocates.org/helpline)
- Visit MAC COVID-19 Information Clearinghouse [massadvocates.org/covid19](https://massadvocates.org/covid19)
- File a PRS [complaint](#) or BSEA [mediation](#)
- View our [Sample Email for Requesting In-Person Special Education Services](#)
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