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**Guiding Philosophy: Related Services for NYC Students with Disabilities**

Related services are provided to advance the achievement of a student with a disability in connection with his or her educational program. The fundamental objective of related services is to help maximize each student's ability to achieve his or her educational goals. Related services should always be delivered in the least restrictive environment, and as much as appropriate, schools should integrate them into the classroom. Related services should be closely coordinated with the student's teachers, other instructional personnel, and parents/guardians in support of instructional goals. Each related service should be re-assessed annually in conjunction with the review of the student's IEP.