



## SPECIAL EDUCATION RIGHTS

# Universal Enrichment Remedy (UER)

### What Is It?

CPS is giving extra special education services to students who did not get the services they should have during the 2016-17 and/or 2017-18 school years. These students can get a remedy (extra services) without needing to prove anything.

### What Is CPS Giving?

Extra services for your student or money to pay you back for what you spend on services. You will be mailed a list of what your student can get on the Notice of Conference for scheduling the UER call. The UER offer is a set amount for these categories:

- **Transportation:** Money to pay back the cost of getting your student to school. Examples: Mileage (if you drove the student), CTA fare, cab fare, or rideshare (Uber) costs.
- **Transportation:** \$112.50 of extra services for every 5 days missed due to the school not giving your child a ride to school.
- **Extended School Year (ESY):** \$800 for extra services per school year.
- **Paraprofessional (aide):** \$2,000 for extra services per school year.
- **Specific Learning Disability (SLD):** \$4,000 for extra services per school year.

### How Can I Use This Money?

UER funds must be spent to pay you back for services you paid for or to buy extra services now. If you use the money for extra services now, you have three options:

1. **Pick a vendor from the CPS pre-approved UER/SSCA Student Vendor List.** If you pick one or more of the services on this list, CPS will pay for it out of your UER funds. See the list at [www.bit.ly/CPS-Vendors](http://www.bit.ly/CPS-Vendors)
2. **Pick a different vendor.** You can ask CPS to send you a list of all their vendors. If you have a service provider you like, you can ask them to apply to be a CPS vendor.
3. **Become a Parent Vendor.** If you want to use a service provider that is not a CPS vendor, you can become a Parent Vendor. You will pay the service provider now and CPS will pay you back later. It can take CPS up to 60 days to pay you AFTER they get your receipts.

### What If I Don't Think The UER Offer Is Good Enough?

You can ask for an SSCA Meeting on your UER call. You might want to do this if:

- Your student was denied more services than are listed on your UER Notice of Conference.
- Your student needs more to make up for the delayed/denied service(s).
- You do not like any of the vendors listed and want to talk about other options.

If you ask for an SSCA Meeting, you **WILL STILL GET AT LEAST** what the Notice of Conference said you would. **You do not risk losing the UER offer.**

### What If I Don't Get A UER?

If your student is not given UER, you can still get extra services by asking for an SSCA (Student Specific Corrective Action) Meeting. Ask for a meeting by emailing [SSCA@cps.edu](mailto:SSCA@cps.edu) or calling 773-553-1843.

*Have questions or need help? Call Equip for Equality for FREE legal help: 312.895.7231*