

Extended School Year (ESY) Services for Students with Disabilities

What is ESY? Extended School Year (ESY) services are free special education services provided to students with disabilities beyond the regular 180-day school year. The primary purpose of ESY is to maintain the progress the student made on his or her most critical goals and objectives during the regular school year. The ESY program is based on the student's individual needs and typically does not include every goal and objective in the student's IEP.

How are ESY eligibility and services determined? The student's eligibility for ESY and what ESY services the student requires must be discussed at the student's IEP Team meeting. The amount, type, and duration of services that are provided during ESY will depend on the individual needs of the student, and are determined by the IEP Team based on data collected on the student's skills and behaviors. ESY may include not only special education, but may also include related services such as occupational therapy, physical therapy, and speech therapy.

When and where does ESY occur? ESY services will generally be provided in District school buildings on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., for a six-week period during the summer. However, there is no fixed amount, type, or duration of ESY services; each student is entitled to receive the services necessary to ensure he/she receives an appropriate education based on his/her needs. You should discuss during each IEP Team meeting whether the student needs fewer, more, or alternative services.

What should you do if you have questions regarding ESY or want to request an IEP meeting to discuss ESY? If, at any point, you have questions about or would like to have further discussion regarding the student's ESY, you can request an IEP meeting. To request an IEP meeting to discuss the student's ESY, please do one of the following:

Option 1: call or email the student's Special Education Teacher at the student's school,

and/or

Option 2: call or email the Special Education Liaison for the student's school.