

SUMMER SCHOOL

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EXTENDED SCHOOL YEAR (ESY)

What is Summer School?

Summer School is an optional program provided by the school district that is open to all students to teach new content, enrichment, or provide an opportunity to re-take classes. It also offers recreational or academic opportunities not available during the regular school year.

What is Extended School Year (ESY)?

Extended School Year services are special education and related services provided to a child with a disability beyond the regular school year, following the child's IEP and at no cost to the child's parents. Each public agency must ensure that ESY services are available as necessary to provide FAPE.

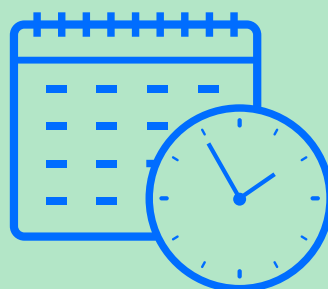


Summer School

Students, including those with disabilities, attend if they meet the criteria established by the school district.

The focus of instruction is on helping students meet state standards for their grade level.

The school district determines the length of summer school sessions. Summer School is typically operated for a set number of weeks (e.g., six or ten weeks).



ESY Services

A student with a disability receives ESY services if the IEP team finds that the student needs specific services beyond the regular 180-day school year.

ESY services are determined for each student by the IEP team and may be different than those services provided during the regular school year.

The IEP team determines initiation, duration, and frequency of ESY services. ESY scheduling, as to duration, amount, and extent of services, must be determined by the individual needs of the child and should not be determined by the district's summer school schedule.