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WHAT IS ESY?

Parent Workshop Wednesdays– March 2022

ESY- EXTENDED SCHOOL YEAR

What is Extended School Year?

Extended School Year (ESY) services are special education and related services provided to students with disabilities beyond the regular 180-day school year.

*It is not the same as Summer School. . . . So what is it?

In some cases, interruptions in the school schedule, such as summer break, weekends, and holidays, will result in children with disabilities losing many of their basic skills and taking a long time to get those skills back once school begins again. ESY services are provided during breaks in the educational schedule to prevent this loss.

WHAT IS NOT ESY?

Extended School Year services are not day care or respite services.

They are not a summer recreation program or other programs or services that are not required to ensure the provision of a free, appropriate public education (FAPE) to a student – even if they provide some educational benefit.

HOW IS ESY DETERMINED?

There are factors that determine eligibility for ESY

- Will the student regress (revert to a lower level of functioning) in skills or behaviors as a result of an interruption in educational programming?
- Will the student take a long time to recoup (recover) the skills or behavior patterns that were lost during a break in educational programming?

HOW ESY IS DETERMINED? CONTINUED...

- Will a pattern of difficulties with regression and recoupment make it likely that a student will maintain the skills and behaviors relevant to IEP goals and objectives?
- Whether a student's regression and recoupment make it unlikely that the student will maintain skills and behaviors relevant to IEP goals and objectives.

HOW IS ESY DETERMINED? CONTINUED...

- Will a lapse in services substantially reduce a student's chances of ever learning a critical life skill or behavior related to the IEP?
- Is the student at a crucial stage in mastering a life skill that is related to the IEP goals of self-sufficiency and independence from caregivers?
- Does the student have a severe disability such as autism/pervasive developmental disorder, serious emotional disturbance, severe intellectual disability, degenerative impairments with mental involvement, or severe multiple disabilities.

IS THERE A CHARGE FOR ESY SERVICES?

No. ESY services are provided in order that the student receives a free appropriate public education.

Therefore, ESY services, including required special education and related services such as speech therapy, occupational therapy, physical therapy, must be provided at no cost to the parent.

WHICH SERVICES WILL BE PROVIDED DURING THE EXTENDED SCHOOL YEAR?

The IEP team will determine which services and how much of these services will be provide during the extended school year. The team may decide that the student will continue all the services received during the regular school year, or it may decide that the student will only receive a portion of services or one specific service. This decision is based on the needs of each student.

WHAT DOES ESY LOOK LIKE HERE AT PA DISTANCE?

Dates: July 1 2022 - July 29, 2022

- Individualized schedules depending on the needs of each student.
- Asynchronous and/or synchronous
- One on one sessions, group sessions.
- Systematic Math and Reading
- Related Services- OT, Speech, BSC, Counseling,ect

QUESTIONS?

For more information about ESY contact:

- Special Education ConsultLine – 800-879-2301 (V/TTY)
- Parent Education and Advocacy Leadership Center – 866-950-1040 (V/TTY)
- Your local school district – See local telephone directory blue pages
- Your local intermediate unit – See local telephone directory blue pages