













Definition of ESY:

ESY services means special education and related services that:

1. Are provided to a student with a disability
2. Services are provided beyond the normal school year
3. Services and supports must be in accordance with the student's IEP
4. ESY must be provided at no cost to the parents of the student.
5. ESY must meet the standards of the State?

What ESY is not . . .

- Enrichment programs
- Summer school
- Compensatory services

ESY services is part of the IEP process.

The focus of the IEP team should be on whether the student needs ESY services in order to receive FAPE.

In other words, the IEP team must determine whether the benefits the student gained during the regular school year will be significantly jeopardized if the student does not receive ESY.

Possible factors to be considered:

- Regression/Recoupment
- Degree of progress
- Emerging skills/breakthrough opportunities
- Interfering behaviors
- The nature and/or severity of the disability
- Special circumstances or other factors

Regression/Recoupment

Is there a likelihood of substantial regression on current IEP goals caused by a school break?

Is there a failure to recover the lost skills in a reasonable time following the school break?

Degree of Progress

Without ESY services, will the student's degree or rate of progress toward goals on the IEP be significantly jeopardized and impact the benefit of the educational placement during the regular school year?

Emerging Skills/Breakthrough Opportunities

Are any goals on the IEP at a breakthrough point where an interruption in the services and in instruction is likely to significantly jeopardized the student's benefit from the educational program during the regular year?

Interfering Behaviors

Does the student demonstrate behaviors that are addressed on the IEP that, without ESY, interfere with the student benefitting from the educational program during the next school year?

Nature and Severity of the Disability

Without ESY, does the nature and severity of the student's disability likely to significantly jeopardize the benefit the student receives during the regular school year?

Special Circumstances or Other Factors

Because ESY needs to be addressed to meet the individual needs of each student for whom it is considered, IEP teams should consider any special circumstances or other factors related to the student that may warrant ESY services.

Commonly asked questions:

Does a student qualify for ESY if they have not met all the goals on his/her IEP during the school year?

ESY services should not be granted solely on the basis of the student not achieving one or more IEP goals. Rather, the team needs to consider whether the learning that already occurred during the year will be significantly jeopardized if ESY services are not provided.

Can my child receive ESY for Speech, OT or PT services?

Yes, if those services are on the current IEP and if there are goals related to those services that meet the previously described considerations for ESY.

Can they receive related services only during ESY?

Yes, if the student needs extends school year related service in order to benefit from special education when school resumes during the school term. If so, one or more related services may be the sole component(s) of ESY.

Is transportation provided as part of ESY?

Yes. Transportation is a related service and must be considered when addressing ESY services.

For more information:

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