

Extended School Year (ESY)

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What is Extended School Year (ESY)?

Extended School Year (ESY) is:

- ❖ Special education and/or related services that are provided beyond the normal school year
- ❖ A required part of Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)
- ❖ Meet the standards of the state educational agency. [34 C.F.R. § 300.106\(b\)\(2\)](#)





What is Extended School Year (ESY)?

Extended School Year (ESY) is:

- ❖ Services that are provided in accordance with the IEP
- ❖ At no cost to the parents [34 C.F.R. § 300.106\(b\)\(1\)](#)
- ❖ Provided by all public schools, including charter schools and alternative schools
- ❖ Services are provided in the least restrictive environment in which the IEP can be implemented

When Can Services Be Provided?



- ❖ Services can take place while instruction is not taking place for all students and a
- ❖ Services can be an extension of the student's day. They can take place before or after the regular school day
- ❖ Services can be provided during instructional breaks.
- ❖ Services can take place on and off campus at an agreed time and location by the IEP Team

Factors Considered When Making Determination



- ❖ Each Local Education Agency (LEA) must ensure services are available as necessary to provide FAPE.
- ❖ The IEP Team determines services on an individual basis annually, in accordance with [§§ 300.320 through 300.324](#)

Additional Factors Considered When Making Determinations

- ❖ Parental involvement is ensured in the decision-making process (in person, telephone, or video conference).
- ❖ The individual needs of the child shall be considered
- ❖ The severity of the disability
- ❖ The age of the child



Additional Factors Considered When Making Determinations

- ❖ Transitional needs
- ❖ The rate of progress or regression that may limit the child's ability to achieve IEP goals/objectives.
- ❖ Degree of Progress on goals as expected by the IEP Team



ESY is NOT

- ❖ Tutoring
- ❖ Summer school
- ❖ Childcare or enrichment programs
- ❖ Limited to certain groups of students or activities
- ❖ Limited to a specific time frame, such as summer
- ❖ Decided by one person. It is an IEP team decision
- ❖ Determined by only one measure



If ESY is determined..

The IEP Team must identify which goals in the CURRENT IEP are being extended or modified for ESY.



For ESY Services, an LEA must NOT



- ❖ Limit ESY services to categories of disability. [34 C.F.R. § 300.106\(a\)\(3\)\(i\).](#)
- ❖ Unilaterally limit the type, amount, or duration of services. [34 C.F.R. § 300.106\(a\)\(3\)\(ii\).](#)

Reminders



- ❖ ESY services are unable to be satisfied by simply enrolling the student in summer school.
- ❖ ESY services should be considered at least annually and on an individual basis.
- ❖ An individualized approach should be used when making considerations for ESY services.
- ❖ ESY consideration and services should **ALWAYS** be noted within a student's IEP.

Thank You

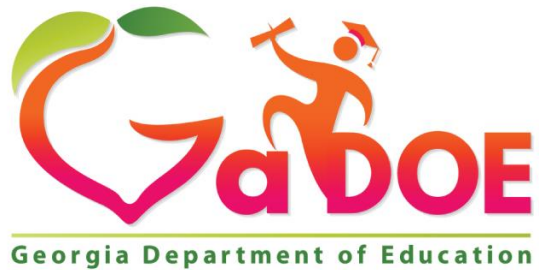
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