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Extended School Year Services (ESY)



A Parent's Guide

Answers to Parent's Questions

What is Extended School Year (ESY) Services?

Extended School Year Services (ESY) are special education and related services provided beyond the regular school year to eligible students with disabilities in the Special Education program. The need for ESY services must be determined on an individual basis by the ARD Committee.

What is the purpose for Extended School Year Services?

Some students with disabilities receiving special education services have difficulty regaining skills after long school holidays and/or summer. If a student needs a large amount of time to relearn skills, then the ARD committee should discuss whether the student needs ESY.

Who determines whether a student in Special Education needs ESY?

The ARD Committee will decide whether a child will receive ESY. Since all students regress during school breaks, the ARD committee will need to look at the amount of instruction the student needs to regain those critical skills. When that time is more than a reasonable period of time, ESY may be needed to lessen the effects of regression.

How does the ARD Committee decide whether a student with disabilities needs ESY?

The ARD Committee will identify critical areas in the current IEP objectives in which the student has exhibited, or may be expected to exhibit, severe or substantial regression that cannot be recouped within a reasonable period of time. They will review the documentation of regression to determine which goals and objectives the student has experienced severe and substantial regression. The frequency and duration of ESY services are based on the requirements of the selected goals and objectives.

What is "regression?"

Regression is a drop to a lower level of working because of a long time off from school.

What is "recoup?"

Recoup means the ability to get back or regain skills at the level shown before a long time off from school.



Does receiving ESY one summer assure ESY services for the following summer?

No, a student's involvement in ESY services one year does not automatically guarantee services for the follow year. The decision to provide ESY services is determined annually by the ARD Committee.

What information can I provide to assist the ARD Committee in the decision-making process?

You can assist by providing information about your child's ability to maintain skills during extended breaks from school. For example:

How well did your child maintain skills last summer?

What impact do weekends and holidays have on your child's ability to maintain skills?

How long does it usually take your child to regain the skills that were lost during weekends or holidays?