



What is Extended School Year (ESY)?

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For many students who receive special education services, the regular school year is enough to make sure they get a [Free Appropriate Public Education](#) (FAPE). But that is not the case for all students. Some students may need more. Students learn at different rates and retain what they learned at different levels.

[Extended School Year](#) (ESY) is special education and/or related services that are provided beyond the normal school year. ESY is a required part of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). ESY is provided according to a student's Individualized Education Program (IEP) and is at no cost to the family. ESY can include academics, [related services](#), and [extracurricular activities](#).

Each district must provide ESY to students who need such services. All public schools, including charter schools and alternative schools, must provide ESY when it is needed.

Families Helping Families of Jefferson will be providing a webinar on Extended School Year Services: Summer IEP on December 14, 2016,

from 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. To register for the event , please visit

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2171144416979601924>

This training provides an overview of the ESY process for children with disabilities. Some questions (and answers) that will be discussed include: what is ESY, how does a child qualify, and what are the options?



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