



Services Beyond the School Year for Students With an IEP

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Some students with a disability are at risk of not being able to retain what they have learned during the school year unless additional supports are given throughout the summer. Therefore, the Extended School Year (ESY) program must be considered for all students eligible for services under the [Individuals with Disabilities Education Act](#) (IDEA) for maintaining these critical life skills.

Eligibility for the ESY program is determined by your child's [Individual Education Program](#) (IEP) team.

This IEP team must consider, as appropriate, whether a child needs extended school year services in order to receive a [free appropriate public education](#) (FAPE). The determination is done on an individual basis through a screening process for ALL students with a disability, ages 3 through 21, receiving special education services.

Students who are eligible for the program will receive an IEP to support their learning and retention of skills throughout the summer break.

Families Helping Families of Jefferson is providing a webinar on this topic to assist parents in understanding the ESY process before the summer break begins. We are asking parents who are attending to be prepared for this webinar by having your

child's IEP in front of you so you can follow along with what is being presented.

Extended School Year Services: Extended school year (ESY) services are required special education and related services provided beyond the limits of the school term, in accordance with the child's individualized education program (IEP), and at no cost to the parents.

These services are necessary in order to provide a free appropriate public education (FAPE).

This webinar will be an opportunity to learn more about the federal regulations that specifically address ESY services. Additionally, it will provide parents with the information on requesting these services and how IEP teams determine the need for ESY services.

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