

EXTENDED SCHOOL YEAR (ESY) FACT SHEET

WHAT IS ESY? Extended school year (ESY) is special education and related services for children with disabilities during the summer months and at no cost to the parents of the child.	
WHO SHOULD BE CONSIDERED FOR extended school year services (ESYS)? Children with disabilities ages 3 through 20.	
HOW IS THE NEED FOR ESY DETERMINED? The IEP committee decides if the child needs ESYS.	
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A program where ALL children with disabilities must be considered. It does not matter what kind of disability.	A program just for children with more severe disabilities.
School during the summer months for your child who needs special education and related services.	A year round school program.
A decision made every year by the IEP committee.	A decision made without contacting you.
To help your child keep or gain critical skills from his or her school program.	To begin new skills or finish ones started during the school year unless your child has a problem with losing skills.
Based on the need of your child.	Decided based on money.
A program to ensure a free appropriate public education (FAPE) in the least restrictive environment (LRE).	For your child to pass a class or correct all problems noted during the school year.
<p>HOW CAN I FIND OUT MORE ABOUT EXTENDED SCHOOL YEAR? If you have questions or want a copy of the Mississippi Extended School Year Handbook, call the Mississippi Department of Education, Office of Special Education, at 601-359-3498 or 1-877-544-0408 or visit the web site: http://www.mde.k12.ms.us/special_education/index.html</p>	

Things you should not be told about ESY:

1. We do not have any staff who want to work this summer.
2. We do not ever contract with physical therapists, occupational therapists and speech/language pathologists in the summer.
3. We did not keep any data to see if your child needs ESY.
4. We will have to wait and see if there is any money for it.
5. The state does not approve that.
6. None of our students need it.
7. I have made the decision we are not having ESY.
8. We only have a set number of weeks for ESYS.
9. Your child has not met any goals.
10. We have never had any students get ESY.

