
Extended School Year 2025-2026

Eligibility for ESY and Planning

The intent of ESY is not to ensure students pass a class or to remediate ALL deficits noted during the current school year.

Extended School Year Standard 1	Each student's ESY program must be individualized, reflect high priority needs, and include necessary services.
Extended School Year Standard 2	All parents must be given the opportunity to actively participate in the determination of eligibility, development of the plan, and the implementation of the ESY services.
Extended School Year Standard 3	ESY planning requires ongoing communication between the staff who served the student during the school year and the ESY staff who will provide the extended services to ensure program continuity.

- The ***Extended School Year FACTS*** document **MUST** be given annually to all parents at the ESY committee meeting.
- **ALL** students aged 3-21 with a current eligibility and a current IEP **MUST** be considered annually for eligibility by the IEP Committee.
- Objectives on the IEP and all current student performance data must be reviewed. If a student is found eligible for ESY, the objectives for ESY services **MUST** come from the **current active IEP** unless the IEP committee determines there is a need for new objectives. Only when new goals or objectives are required to master or maintain critical skill, may the IEP Committee write a new goal and/or objective to be addressed during ESY implementation.
- **ALL** members of the IEP committee have input into the decision-making process using the four criteria for determining eligibility for ESY services.
- **ONLY** IEP Committee determination of need for ESY using the four (4) allowable criteria can be used to find a student eligible for ESYs. Justification such as parent request, prior ESY participation or indication of potential benefit of ESY is **NOT** acceptable.



- Information regarding the completion of the ESY IEP page and a copy of the current ESY Handbook can be found in its entirety at <https://mdek12.org/specialeducation/special-education-extended-school-year/>
- More information on ESY Procedures can be found in Volume 2 found at https://mdek12.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/39/2025/01/vol-ii-final-draft-8-29-15-b_v12_20160708142156_280765_20250115.pdf
- The IEP committee must consider all four ESY eligibility criteria listed below. A student may be eligible for ESY services for one or more of the criteria.