

Extended School Year

- Extended School Year (ESY) is the provision of special education and related services outside the normal school time or calendar.
- ESY is provided to children when breaks in the school year cause the student to lose skills AND the student doesn't regain those skills in a reasonable amount of time.
- ESY could be considered for any area that is addressed on the IEP.
- The IEP team makes the decision whether or not the child needs ESY.
- ESY is for maintenance of skills not for gaining new skills.
- When determining if the child needs ESY the team must:
 1. Determine what the skill level is before the break in service. (Baseline)
 2. Check whether the child lost skills right after the break. (Regression)
 3. Check whether the child regained skills in a reasonable time. (Recoupment)

Some courts have required consideration of other factors besides regression and recoupment in determining a student's need for ESY services. School district procedures for ESY **may** include IEP team consideration of other factors such as:

- the nature and severity of a student's disability;
- the child's rate of progress;
- the availability of alternative resources;
- the child's ability to interact with non-disabled children;
- the areas of the child's curriculum that need continuous attention;
- the child's vocational needs;
- the nature of services requested (e.g. extraordinary or integral to the child's program); and
- emerging skills or breakthrough opportunities that would be lost without ESY services.

All children regress during breaks from school, for ESY we need to determine if the regression/recoupment rate is more pronounced than normal for this specific child.

Recoupment rates for a "normal" child are as follows:

After a two-week break the child should be back to baseline after three instructional days.

A three to four week break takes seven instructional days for recoupment.

An eight to twelve week break would take a full month of re-teaching for recoupment to occur.

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