

Extended School Year (ESY)

What is ESY? ESY is a special education service that extends skill development into the summer. It is designed for students with ESY minutes listed on their Individual Education Program (IEP.) The decision to provide ESY to students is made at the IEP meeting and is based on the following considerations:

- 1) The student's skills that were gained during the school year will significantly regress if they are not practiced for longer than the regular school year schedule.
- 2) The skill loss experienced would require significantly more time to recoup than that of their same-aged peers.

When do NT students receive ESY services? ESY services will be provided to qualifying students following the regular 2015-2016 school year beginning June 13th and running through July 29th, 2016. The same date range applies to the ELS programming.

How often does a student attend? There are essentially two programs for ESY during the summer; *Academic Reading, Writing, & Math Skills*, and *Life Skills (ELS Program)*.

(The appropriate program and minutes are determined at the student's IEP meeting.)

Reading, Writing, and Math Skills: This includes up to three daily sessions each lasting 30 minutes or 60 minutes depending on need. The following schedule shows the times that this service is available. It is common for students to attend three days per week for an hour per day (Mon., Wed., Fri., from 8:00 to 9:00 for example) up to as much as five days per week for three hours per day. While the total amount of time is determined by the number of minutes listed in the IEP, which days per week the student attends is flexible and ESY students are not dropped from the program for absences.

<i>Days and Times for ESY Reading, Writing, and Math</i>	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:00 – 9:00 am					
9:00 – 10:00 am					
10:00 – 11:00 am					

Registration for the Reading, Writing, and Math services is done online by the parent after consulting with the student's Special Education Teacher. Registration for summer 2016 opens January 20th, 2016.

Life Skills: This program is generally for students whose regular school year services are provided within New Trier's ELS and Transition programs. Eligible students typically attend five days a week for four hours each day. Details concerning the exact schedule for the summer will be determined during the IEP annual review meeting.

Registration for Life Skills (ELS) services is completed during the IEP annual review meeting. Your child's case manager will share additional information in early Spring.

Call or email your child's Special Education Teacher with additional questions about ESY services.