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## Special Education Extended School Year Services (ESYS)

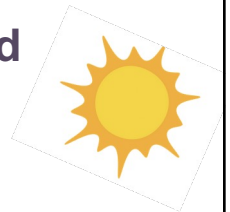
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## What Are Extended School Year Services (ESYS)?

- ESYS are special education and other related services that may be provided to an eligible individual beyond the normal school year.
- ESYS are made available at no cost to the parents.



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## Does My Child Qualify for ESYS?

At each annual review and/or reevaluation IEP meeting:

1. The IEP team must determine and document eligibility for ESYS using multiple data sources.
2. The IEP team may address a learner's eligibility for ESYS with an amendment to the current IEP if the data warrants it.

ESYS is typically determined in the spring beginning in February through April using IEP goal data and other sources.

### ESYS

— Eligible  
— Not Eligible

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## 4 Questions to Be Addressed When Determining Eligibility for ESYS

1. “Are there goal areas of concern that need to be acquired or maintained without interruption for the learner to meaningfully benefit from FAPE?”
2. Has there been (or is there a potential for) significant regression during periods of interruption that would require significant recoupment?
3. Are there rare and unusual circumstances/factors?
4. Are there other factors to be considered in determining the learner's need for ESYS?” (iowaideainformation.org)

Source: <https://iowaideainformation.org/special-education/individualized-education-programs/components-of-an-iep/>

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## When Should ESYS Eligibility Decisions Be Made?

1. Teams should finalize and document decisions regarding ESYS at least 60 calendar days prior to the end of the school year to allow the parents, school and AEA team time to plan for the delivery of ESYS.



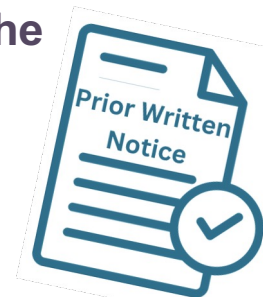
1. The 60 days provide the parents with time to appeal the decision via one of the conflict resolution options outlined in the Procedural Safeguards Manual.

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## More Information About ESYS

- Not every student will be entitled to ESYS. In fact, the majority of students DO NOT qualify.
- If the IEP determines a student is not eligible, a prior written notice must be provided to the parents.



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## **My Child Qualified for ESYS Last Year. Will He/She Automatically Qualify Again This Year?**

- 1. A student does NOT automatically qualify for ESYS year to year.**
- 1. From year to year, the IEP team must review data and answer the four questions to determine eligibility.**

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## **Key Points About ESYS**

- **Most Special Education students do NOT meet criteria for ESYS**
- **Is reviewed and determined annually and at least 60 days prior to end of school year**
- **4 questions for eligibility:**
  - **Interruption of services negatively impacts FAPE**
  - **Regression factor**
  - **Rare and unusual circumstances**
  - **Other factors to be considered**
- **Prior Written Notice**



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