

Southington Public Schools
Department of Special Education

Extended School Year (ESY) Procedures

The provision of extended school year services is the **exception and not the rule** for students receiving special education and related services. ESY must be determined each year for individual students who may be eligible to receive these services.

It is important to remember that both regression and nonregression criteria should be reviewed to determine a child's eligibility for services. They are:

- The nature or severity of the student's disability (nonregression);
- The student is likely to lose critical skills or fail to recover these skills within a reasonable time as compared to typical students (regression / recoupment);
- The student's progress in the areas of learning crucial to attaining self-sufficiency and independence from caretakers (nonregression);
- The student's stereotypic, ritualistic, aggressive or self-injurious interfering behaviors prevent the student from receiving some educational benefit from the program during the school year (nonregression); or
- Other special circumstances identified by the IEP team such as: the ability of the student to interact with other non-disabled students, the areas of the student's curriculum that need continuous attention, the student's vocational needs, or the availability of alternative resources.

Discussions regarding a child's eligibility for ESY and what that would look like should take place at a PPT early enough to allow any dispute to be resolved before the beginning of the ESY program.

Data which may be used as evidence of need for ESY may include:

- ✓ Cumulative Record-pre and post test (individualized assessments)
- ✓ Medical reports
- ✓ OT / PT reports
- ✓ Current IEP (progress dates and data from pg. 4)
- ✓ Evidence of regression and recoupment (i.e., reading levels) over vacations
- ✓ Speech IEP's and / or reports (i.e., regression / recoupment, IEP – pg. 4, etc.)
- ✓ Report Cards
- ✓ Significant events that have impacted educational performance during the school year
- ✓ General education reports
- ✓ Student progress records