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Extended School Year (ESY) 2021

ESY procedure

At least annually, each student's Team must consider the need for extended school year and record its determination in the IEP. A Team's determination regarding the need for an ESY program must be made on an individual basis. ESY in Massachusetts, based on federal law, is designed to provide a free and appropriate public education to children with disabilities who would experience **substantial regression** because of interruption in their instructional program.

Student's liaisons must complete a *Consideration for Extended School Year* application form and submit this application for each student requiring ESY to the Team Chair for their building by **March 12th**. Therefore, each liaison must address the questions on the ESY form **and collect data that details "substantial regression" prior to March 12th**. **Regardless of when a student's annual Review falls in the school year, applications for ESY must be submitted by March 12th**. This is a necessary timeline in order to provide for planning, staffing, and implementing a quality ESY program.

Please note, that just because a student has received ESY services in the past, this fact alone will not qualify the student to receive ESY services in the future. The need for ESY and meeting "substantial regression" criteria must be examined yearly.

Please click on the following link for further information and guidance on ESY services:
[DOE Question and Answer Guide on Special Education Extended School Year Programs](#)

Thank you in advance for your thoughtful and data supported decisions in making determinations for your students regarding Extended School year.

ESY Dates are July 6th-August August 6th, Monday-Thursday.

Please contact me if you have any questions

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