

## How can I get more information?

For parents who need further information to guide the Extended School Year decision making process, please refer to the contact information below.



#### Providence Schools Extended School Year Services

This brochure is intended to be an informational guide to help parents of children with special needs understand Extended School Year Services.



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#### WHAT ARE ESY SERVICES?

Extended school year (ESY) services are special education and related services provided to students with disabilities beyond the regular 180-day school year. Under the Individual with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), school districts must provide ESY services if the student requires services in order to receive a free appropriate public education. The most common reason why a student receives ESY services is because the student will regress or lose progress in critical life skills during time off from school.

# HOW IS THE ESY DECISION MADE?

The IEP team determines whether there is a need for ESY services. During the IEP meeting, the IEP team determines whether the student needs ESY services. This decision is based on assessment results, parents' and teachers' observations, the student's performance after previous breaks from school, and other pertinent information.

#### **THINKING ABOUT ESY**

Does the data and/or documentation show the likelihood:

- Of significant or substantial regression of IEP goals/related services without extended school year?
- That emerging critical life skills will be significantly impacted without extended school year services?
- That behaviors related to the disability will be significantly impacted without extended school year services?
- Are there extenuating circumstances that make it unlikely that the student will receive a free appropriate public education without ESY services?

#### **ESY DATES**

4 Week Program July 8, 2013 to

August 2, 2013

6 week program: July 1, 2013 to August 9, 2013

