

Darien Public Schools

Report on 2017 Extended School Year (ESY) Program

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Special Education Extended School Year Program

Student Eligibility

The Darien Public Schools Extended School Year (ESY) Program provides special education and related services to students with an Individualized Educational Program (IEP) during June and July of the academic year.

Each student's Planning and Placement Team (PPT) determines eligibility for the ESY Program on an individual basis. The PPT members consider:

- Nature and severity of the student's disability;
- Learning needed to attain independence;
- Extent of regression caused by an interruption in educational programming; and,
- Rate of recoupment following interruption in educational programming.

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ESY Program Overview

Darien High School is the site for the ESY Program for students with IEPs in grade K-12. Students participating in the ESY Program at DHS may also participate in the Darien Summer School (DSS) Program.

- The program will begin on June 26, 2017 and end on July 28, 2017. Students will attend Monday through Friday, 8:30am - 12:30pm.

Tokeneke Elementary School is the site for the Early Learning and Kindergarten Readiness Programs for pre-kindergarten students with IEPs and typically developing students in an integrated learning program.

- The program will begin on June 26, 2017 and end on July 27, 2017. Students will attend Monday through Thursday, 8:00am - 11:45am.

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Instructional and Related Services

Students participate in the 5 week ESY Program. A small cohort of students will participate in extension weeks (Bridge Week), when recommended by the PPT.

The ESY Program provides:

- Academic Instruction
- Social Skill Development and Behavior Support
- Related Services – *Speech and Language Therapy, Counseling, Occupational Therapy, and Physical Therapy*
- Vocational Training/Community Participation
- Nursing Services

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Student Enrollment

299 students with IEPs attended the 2016 ESY Programs:

- 237 students in grades K-12 attended the ESY Program at DHS
- 62 pre-kindergarten students attended the programs at Tokeneke

335 students with IEPs are anticipated to attend the 2017 ESY Programs:

- 279 students in grades K-12 are anticipated at Darien High School
- 56 pre-kindergarten students are anticipated at Tokeneke

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Staffing

Staffing is determined based on the instructional and related service hours recommended at PPT meetings:

- ESY Program staff includes teachers, paraprofessionals, speech and language pathologists, occupational therapists, physical therapists, psychologists, nurses, and behavior analysts
- In 2016, the ESY Program employed 127 staff members
- To date, 128 staff have been hired for the 2017 ESY Program

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2017 Program Planning Accomplishments

- ESY Program staff were notified of employment and accepted positions in March
- Program Directors presented ESY Program planning updates to CDSP on March 28
- The majority of ESY eligibility PPTs were held by April
- Families notified PPTs of transportation needs at their child's ESY meeting
- The majority of student schedules were mailed home on May 5

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2017 Program Planning Accomplishments

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- Program Directors and building-level staff collaborated to create student groups within and across schools to maximize student success
- The revised student schedule document includes specific services, staff assignments, and classroom numbers
- Program Directors created a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) resource for families to be posted on the Darien Public Schools website

THANK YOU!
