

MEMORANDUM

TO: Directors of Special Education
FROM: Agency of Education
SUBJECT: Extended School Year (ESY) Services and In-Person Services
DATE: June 8, 2020

Purpose

This memo expands on the guidance described in the AOE's [Initial Considerations for Compensatory Education and Extended School Year](#) memo dated May 8, 2020 and [Extended School Year Services Summer 2020](#) memo dated May 29, 2020. It provides additional guidance on considerations for in-person services for the provision of Extended School Year (ESY).

Background

Local Education Agencies (LEAs) and independent schools providing services to special education students have requested clarification on the extent to which in-person services can be delivered within school facilities as part of Summer 2020 ESY for eligible students with disabilities.

Considerations for ESY In-Person Services on Utilizing School Facilities

In-person instruction for special education students who are eligible to receive ESY services is allowed as a part of site-based summer programming, as long as it conforms to public health guidance and all health and safety rules. In-person services are allowed, but not required, of schools; LEAs and independent schools will ultimately make the determination concerning whether or not ESY will take place within their school facilities.

This guidance is specific to the delivery of ESY as a part of summer programming and should not be read to guide in-person service delivery for Academic School Year 2020-2021.

As stated in previous guidance, the AOE will continue to allow remote learning to serve as a viable option for delivering ESY services, as appropriate, given the individual needs of the student. Districts should collaborate with contracted service providers to determine the best option for delivering ESY services to eligible students receiving special education services in out-of-district placements, whether the services are to be remote, in-person or a hybrid.

Contact Information:

If you have questions about this document or would like additional information, please contact:
Jacqui Kelleher, Division of Student Support Services, at Jacqui.kelleher@vermont.gov