



EXTENDED SCHOOL YEAR (ESY) 2025

July 7-July 25, 2025 *Monday-Friday 8:00 am-1:00 pm*

LOCATIONS: Elementary- West Liberty, Secondary- South Brook

ELEMENTARY (Students who were in grades K-5 during the school year): The focus of the elementary ESY programs will be ESY-identified IEP (Individualized Education Program) goals in reading, math, communication and socialization skills. Upper elementary grades will be able to experience community-based instruction weekly. Families and school teams will receive program data for all students in attendance. There will be a variety of community partnerships this summer! We are excited for the Pittsburgh Fire Department, Reading is Fundamental, Pittsburgh Police, Playnotes, The Pittsburgh Zoo, Attack Theatre, The Aviary, OpenUp Yoga, Alcosan and several others join us this summer!

SECONDARY (Students who were in grades 6-12 during the school year): ESY-identified IEP goals that incorporate: **Community Based Instruction** including lessons on accessing public transportation, exploring community service sites, and completing tasks such as grocery shopping will be a part of ESY this summer. **Community Based Vocational Education** where students pursue occupational interests and obtain training in real-life work environments will also occur. ESY activities will include: the **Daily Living Skills** that students need for independence such as cooking, cleaning, laundry, and personal care. **Academic Skills** will be incorporated into daily activities such as following a recipe, reading a bus schedule, identifying signs, etc. Students will be working on resumes, interest surveys and have weekly speakers from OVR, independent community living and more!

CENTER-BASED SCHOOLS: PIONEER and CONROY'S ESY programs both offer a fun-filled, therapeutic, and educational experience for students, with a strong emphasis on both academic and therapy goals. Pioneer students spend time daily in the expansive outdoor Sensory Garden, engaging in activities like biking, walking, swinging, picnics, and participating in water and sports activities. At Conroy, the summer is filled with theme-based activities that focus on IEP goals while incorporating enriching experiences like band performances, magic shows, student karaoke, and friendly competitions. Both of these programs will also have visits from Playnotes, The Pittsburgh Zoo, Attack Theatre, The Aviary, and OpenUp Yoga.

This summer, **OCA** will partner with Hand and Hand Coaching Services to offer students a unique blend of academic and community-based learning opportunities. Through this collaboration, students will have the chance to engage in hands-on, community-based experiences that complement their academic goals.

CITY CONNECTIONS: In addition to the K-12 programming, PPS offers an innovative service delivery model for students with disabilities aged 18-21 currently enrolled in **CITY Connections** program. This ESY program provides students with a community-based, transition-focused learning and working environment, preparing them for life after school. The CITY Connections ESY sites are located in apartment and college campus settings, allowing students to engage in real-world activities and gain valuable work experience in the community. The focus of the program is on transition outcomes, including post-secondary education and training, employment, and independent community living, ensuring students are well-prepared for their future.

ESY options for non-district summer programs are reviewed and considered on a case-by-case basis. To be considered, these programs must provide services and collect data that aligns with IEP goals designated for ESY.