

Extended School Year (ESY) 2026

Ensuring Continuity & Preventing Regression: A Guide for Families

METHACTON SCHOOL DISTRICT | SUMMER 2026

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The Core Purpose of ESY

What ESY Is

- ✓ A program to provide special education and related services beyond the regular school year.
- ✓ A mechanism to ensure a Free Appropriate Public Education (FAPE).
- ✓ A decision made by the IEP team based strictly on student data.

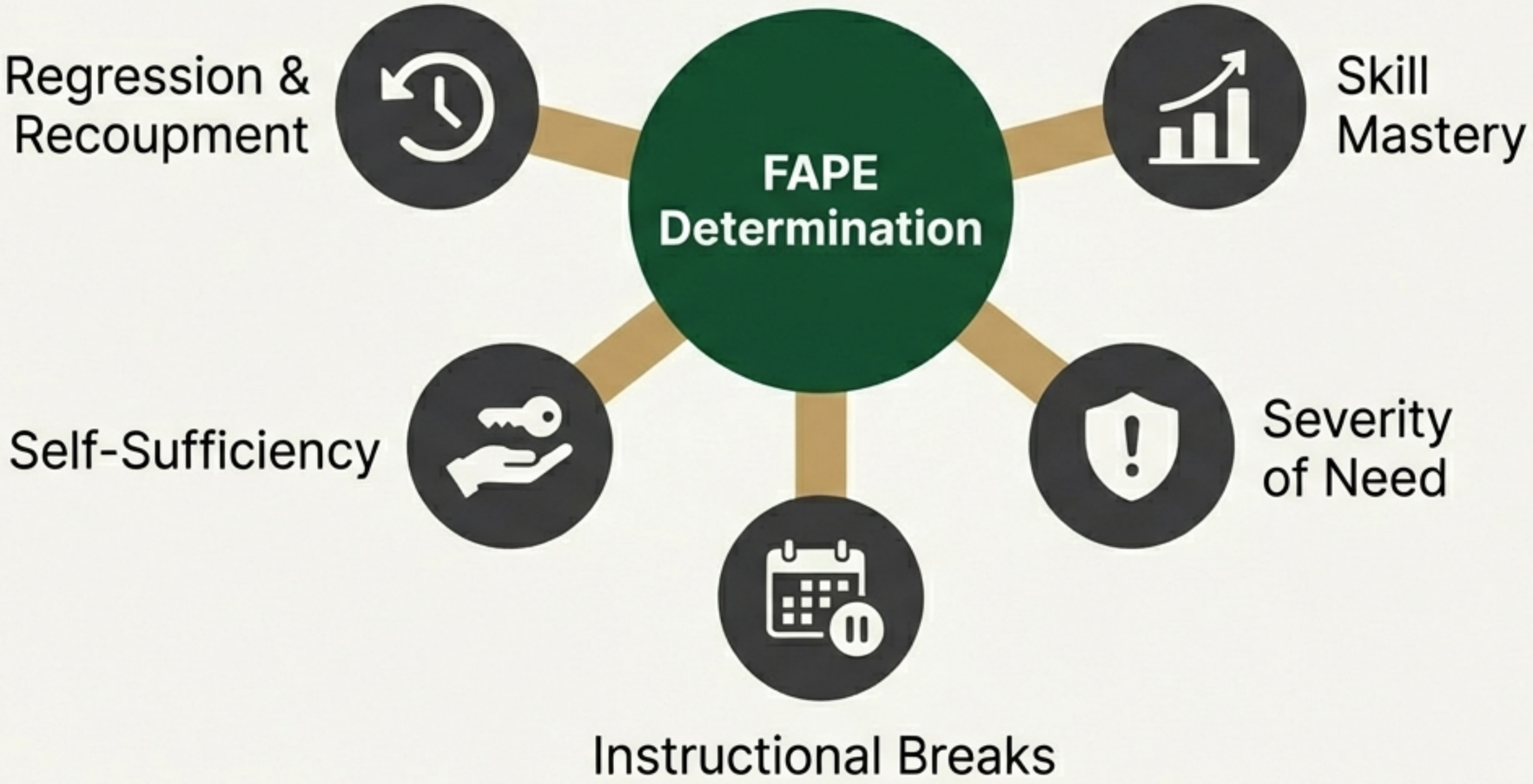
What ESY Is Not

- ✗ It is not Summer School.
- ✗ It is not Daycare or Childcare.
- ✗ It is not based on disability alone.
- ✗ It is not automatic for students with existing IEPs.

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How Eligibility Decisions Are Made

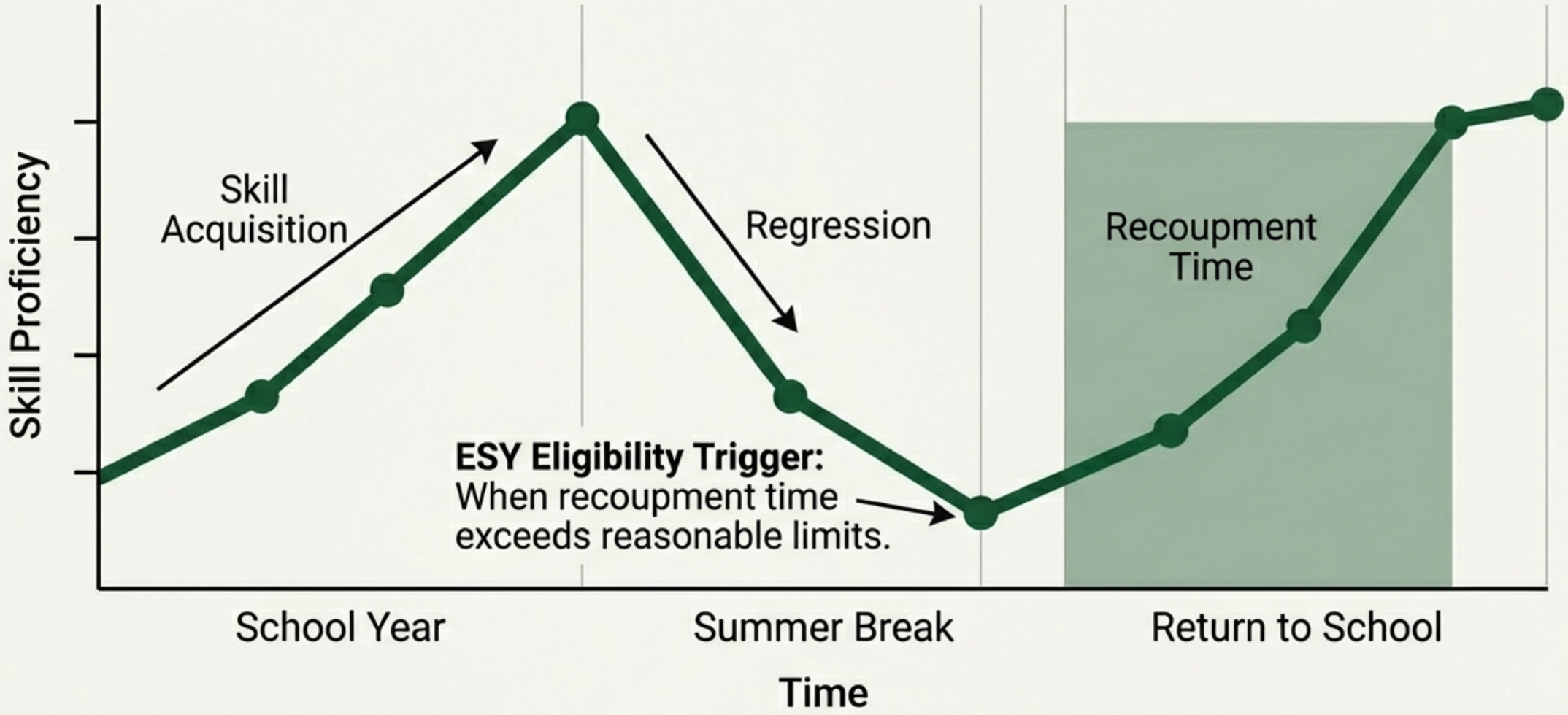
Eligibility is individualized, annual, and data-driven.



The IEP team reviews these multiple data points annually to determine if ESY is necessary.

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Deep Dive: The Regression/Recoupment Model



ESY is designed for students who cannot recoup critical skills within a reasonable time after a break.

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Program Location & Scope



Location: Skyview Upper Elementary (In-District)

Why In-District? Aligns with IEP goals, ensures continuity of care, and allows closer monitoring than outside programs.

Support Categories Served

- Learning Support
- Emotional Support
- Autistic Support
- Life Skills Support
- Speech and Language Support

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2026 Program Schedules

Low-Incidence Program

ESY services designed for students with significant disabilities who require intensive, individualized programming to prevent substantial regression of critical skills.

Dates:
July 6 – August 6, 2026

Days:
Monday – Thursday

Hours:
8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.



High-Incidence / Supplemental

ESY services that provide targeted support to prevent regression of identified skills and are typically delivered for a shorter duration or in specific areas.

Dates:
July 6 – July 30, 2026

Days:
Monday – Thursday

Hours:
8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.



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Tailored Educational Services

Services are individualized based on the IEP to maintain critical skills.



Academic Instruction

Reading, writing, math



Specialized Reading

Wilson Reading instruction, when appropriate



Life Skills

Social skills, functional skills, independence



Related Services

Speech Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy



Counseling

Individual/ small group



Behavioral Support

Emotional Support, Social Skills, behavior management services

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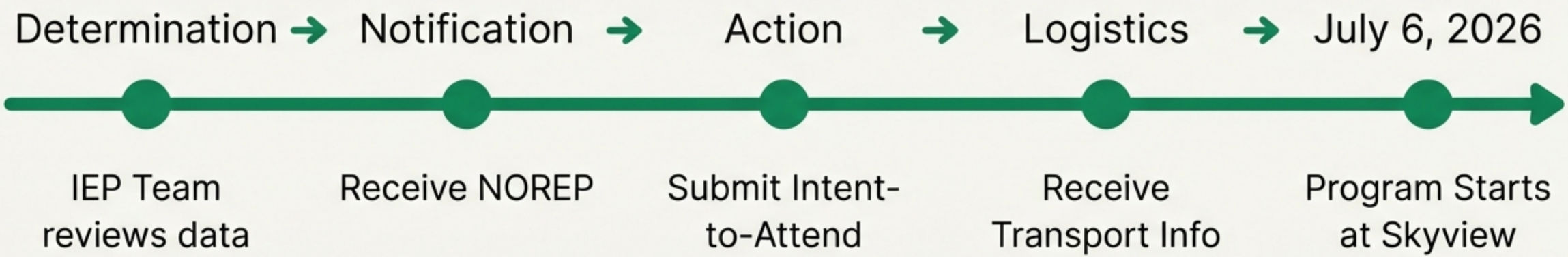
Transportation & Logistics



- **Who is Eligible?**
  Transportation is provided for all students who qualify for ESY classroom services.
- **How is it Managed?**
  Coordinated centrally by the district.
- **When will I know?**
  Specific pickup and drop-off details will be communicated directly to families prior to the first day of the program.

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The Roadmap to July 6th



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Common Questions: Eligibility & Strategy

Q1: If my child qualified in the past, will they automatically qualify again?

A1: No. Eligibility is reviewed every year using current data. A student's needs can change over time.

Q2: What if I disagree with the ESY decision?

A2: You are encouraged to discuss concerns with your child's case manager first. The IEP team can review data and next steps together.

Q3: Why in-district instead of an outside program?

A3: It ensures better alignment with IEP goals and continuity of staff and services.

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Common Questions: Program Structure

Q1: Why doesn’t ESY run for the same length or hours as the regular school year?
A1: ESY is designed strictly to prevent significant regression, not to replicate the full school year. Programs are intentionally shorter and targeted.

Q2: Why doesn’t ESY include all the services my child receives during the year?
A2: Only services needed to maintain critical skills and prevent regression are included. The plan is highly individualized for the summer context.

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Leadership & Support Team

Questions about eligibility should always start with your child's Case Manager.

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Partnering for Student Success

Thank you for partnering with us to support your child’s learning journey.

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