

Marlboro Township Public School District Extended School Year Summer Program

A. General Information

Hours:

The ESY Program is in session from 8:45 am until 12:45 pm. Many of our special education teachers do not work during our ESY program, so it is likely that your child may not have the same teacher as his/her classroom teacher.

Academics:

The academic portion of the program is generally during the first two hours of the program. Math and reading skills are the focus of the curriculum. The children in the autism program continue to follow their individually designed programs incorporating specialized strategies. We make every effort to provide activities to the children which they'll enjoy as well. The last two hours of the program are usually a time where arts and crafts, play time, and outdoor activities are done. These activities are often related to the academic portion of their day so that the children have an opportunity to expand on what they've learned during the academic portion of the day.

Related Services are offered and are based on the IEP for Extended School Year services.

Progress Reports:

Progress reports are sent home at the end of the program.

Class Assignments:

In general, children in the autistic program will be assigned to the class they will have in September. Every effort is made to group children based on age, functioning level, and familiarity with other children in their classes.

Snacks:

Food is not provided by the program. Parents are encouraged to send their children to the program with a light snack. Notices will be sent home regarding any food allergies. We ask parents to be diligent about not sending in foods that might contain peanuts or nuts as there are numerous peanut and nut allergies among the children. Any child who brings in a food item that contains peanuts or nuts will be asked to NOT eat that item and to bring it home. Our concern is the safety of all children while they are in our care. We need parental support to ensure that our goal is accomplished.

Nurse:

A registered nurse is on duty for the duration of the ESY program. The nurse arrives at the program at 8:15 am and leaves at 1:15 pm. The nurse can be reached at 732-972-2000, ext. 6056.

Absences:

The required procedure is that a parent/guardian must report his/her child's absence to the health office in the ESY program the morning of the absence. If a child is going to be absent for more than one day the parent must also notify transportation.

All inquiries and phone communication is to be directed to the summer program office which is set up in the school nurse's office. The direct phone line for the summer program is 732-972-2000, ext. 6056. The school nurse will be able to assist you with any concerns or questions you may have.

If your child is absent due to illness, please note that you will need to make two phone calls. First, call the school nurse at the number mentioned above. Please leave your child's name, the classroom teacher's name, and the reason for your child's absence. If your child will be absent more than one day, please call the school nurse EACH day of the absence. Second, you will need to call transportation at 732-972-2000, ext. 2118 to advise them of your child's absence as well.

If you are planning a vacation, we do require written notification from the parent/guardian that a child will be away and unable to attend the program on certain dates. Please send this written notice to school with your child. The classroom teacher will then give the notice to the school nurse for our records. We also require that the parents notify transportation of any dates their child will not be attending the program.

Transportation:

We encourage every parent who is considering ESY for their child to register early to guarantee transportation.

We will require written confirmation prior to the first day of the program if you are planning on transporting your child to the ESY program.

Picking Up Your Child Early:

There is a security desk situated at the main office in the building. Parents are required to sign in, and then come to the Health office to pick up their child. Parents are not permitted to go the classrooms to pick up their child. The nurse or administrator on duty will bring your child to you. All children **MUST** be signed

out. Parents must also notify transportation that they will be transporting their own child that afternoon in the event the child regularly rides the bus.

Change of Clothes:

Please send in a change of clothes for your child to be kept in school in the event that your child may need this during the summer program.

Volunteers:

Volunteers are always needed to cover the security desk. A sign up sheet is included in the packet we will be sending home. Parents are encouraged to complete the sign-up sheet and return it to the supervisor of the program. Parents will be notified of their assignment prior to the start of the program.

B. Food Allergy Protocols

It has come to our attention that some of our students have severe nut allergies. We are making accommodations for these students in our classrooms to prevent any potential reactions to nuts and nut products in the classroom. In making these accommodations, we are asking for the cooperation of all parents to be aware of the potential dangers of bringing in food items that might contain nuts or traces of nuts in the products.

When preparing snacks for your children, please be aware of the contents of the snack. We are requesting that you refrain from sending items to school such as peanut butter sandwiches, peanut butter crackers, items with M&Ms (plain and peanut), and chocolates (as some chocolates of nut meat in the processing). Many items are made with peanut oil and these items also should be kept at home. We will be sending a pack of information prior to the start of the program.

A goal we have in educating our children is to keep them safe. We are asking that you support us in this effort to maintain a safe environment for all of our students. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact your child's classroom teacher.