



Oak Park Elementary School District 97

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RE: Extended School Year Program Update

DATE: January 15, 2019

Type of Report: Informational

Purpose of the Report: The purpose of this report is to provide the Board of Education with an update on the Extended School Year Program.

The District 97 vision is to **create a positive learning environment for all District 97 students that is equitable, inclusive, and focused on the whole child**. Our district summer programs will address the following universal goals:

- Every student is known, nurtured, and celebrated learner
- Every student is an empowered passionate scholar
- Every student is a confident and persistent achiever
- Every student is a creative critical thinker and global citizen

In accordance with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and the Illinois Administrative Code (23 IAC 225.75) public school districts are required to provide Extended School Year Services (special education and related services) to students with disabilities that adheres to the following requirements:

- Beyond the normal school year
- As determined by the child's IEP
- At no cost to the family

Extended school year services are determined on an individual basis by the IEP team, based on several factors to insure a Free Appropriate Public Education (FAPE.) Some factors to consider are:

- regression/recoupment data
- progress toward existing IEP goals
- the nature and severity of the student's disability
- individual circumstances that would prevent the student from learning upon return to school

The SY18 program was held at Lincoln Elementary School. ESY used a total of 20 rooms (19 instructional classrooms, 1 for related service providers). Of those, 11 classrooms and 1 related service provider room were on the first floor and 8 classrooms were on the second floor. Common spaces were also utilized including the gymnasium, library and lunchroom.

The ESY program ran for 4 weeks from June 13th through July 11th, 2018. There was a student and staff non-attendance day on July 4th. There were 1.5 additional days used for professional development on June 11th and 12th. It was determined that there was a need for 28 certified staff members and 61 non-certified staff members (60 teaching assistants and 1 secretary) to run the program effectively. Instructional materials were provided for each level of classroom that included Early Childhood Special Education, Cross-Categorical and Multineeds. The theme of last year's program was "Camping Out in ESY" . In support of the academic content provided students were provided with hands on learning opportunities through Lego Engineering exploration.

SY18 ESY Information	
Grades Served:	Early Childhood through 7 th (166 students attended/ 227 students were invited to attend)
Subjects:	English Language Arts and Mathematics (and relevant related services)
Entry Criteria:	Team recommendation at annual IEP review meeting
Site:	Lincoln Elementary School
Program Dates:	June 13 - July 11, 2018
Program Schedule:	Monday through Friday (Students attended 3.5 hrs./Staff worked 4 hrs. per day)

Extended School Year (ESY) will be held this summer (SY19) from **June 17th-July 12th** at Whittier School. Student attendance hours will increase slightly. Students will attend from 8:00AM to 12:00PM daily with July 4th and 5th existing as non-attendance days.