

**ESY Parent Survey  
Summer, 2014**

We really enjoyed having your child attend ESY this summer. We can hardly believe it is almost over already! We would appreciate your feedback on this summer's program. We are always looking to strengthen what worked well and improve what didn't work so well.

Please take a few minutes to answer the following questions and return it to your classroom teacher by the last day of ESY, Thursday, July 31st. Thank you so much!

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	No Opinion
The program offered an appropriate level of activities and instruction for my child.	61	35	1		2
The information presented about ESY prior to my child's attendance was sufficient.	54	36	4	3	1
The communication about the program and the activities during the summer was appropriate.	53	38	3		1
I felt that I knew who to contact with a question or concern.	58	34	1	2	1
I felt that my child was transported safely and efficiently.	71	19	1		4
My child enjoyed coming to ESY.	61	34	1		1
I think that 4 weeks of ESY in July with a longer school day was good for my child and our family's summer activities	45	29	7		2
Total:	403	193	17	5	12

***My child's favorite part of ESY was:***

- Just coming to school!
- The bus ride
- PE
- Reading games
- Hydroponics!
- Mr. Potter
- Playing with friends, structured routine, going to school and learning and riding the bus
- The pony, being Star Student and math
- Seeing friends and having a routine
- Playing outside
- Being "Star Student", he also enjoyed being with the other kids and commented it made him feel better that other kids need extra help too.
- Going to the park, meeting friends
- Literacy
- It was at his home school AGS
- The books that he read
- He said all of it was fun!

- The ESY send off and the teacher was the best! We love Ms. Heinrich
- The Brain Pop thing!
- Developing relationships with her teacher and staff. Learning activities that prompted imagination was very enjoyable for her
- The bus!
- Our son still has limited communication when it comes to telling me what he does during the day. I'm sure the fire truck was high on his list!
- Seeing her teachers, reading books, songs, sand & water table.
- Fire truck visit!
- Making pizza and singing songs
- Singing with friends, shaving cream
- Learning math
- He liked going every day!
- The playground
- Our son loves going to school
- The cookout
- Having gym and the cookout
- Helping the younger students
- Going out to play in the solarium
- Visit by the Batavia police and other members of the community
- Math was his favorite. Hands on activities like using dice for solving math problems.
- The children and teacher in her class. She always wanted to get up and go to school
- The variety of activities
- Growing the grass
- Gym classes
- All of it!
- Meeting new friends
- Writing
- Our son really enjoyed going to ESY. A good balance of learning and fun
- Seeing her friends, bus ride
- Toys!
- Routine for our son. He needed the schedule
- Getting into the classroom and meeting new friends
- PE and recess
- Having a schedule, loves playground
- Seeing class mates
- Work boxes and centers (he talked about them at home)
- Gym and making pizza
- Taking the bus
- My daughter seem happy after the summer school is over. I'm glad he is learning
- Playing with his friends. He really enjoyed when the fire truck and ambulance came to visit the school
- She loved coming to play with her friends
- Great theme for ESY
- The bus, the fire truck and the ambulance

***Comments (Please use the back of the page, if you need more room):***

- Glad she got to continue in summer school. It was good for her to keep learning.
- Bus company should call me with transportation times one week before ESY
- Thank you for a useful, fun and productive time
- Every year for summer school my son regresses and doesn't behave. This summer, he did Awesome and came home with positive notes and great communication which I appreciate since he can't converse
- Thank you for taking your time for this summer program! My son enjoyed the summer school very much. He was very excited to go every day.

- Great program, thank you for having my son be a part of it
- My son said the program was too easy. I think the program should be longer than 4 days a week 4 hours a day
- It was determined at the beginning of April, by the IEP team, that ESY was appropriate. Then we were lost in the system as I had to phone the MVSE a week before ESY was to start to find out what was going on as I had received no information and they said he was not on the list. Overall, he enjoyed attending ESY.
- Perfect amount of time. Was great for my son – feel he made some great progress!
- Appropriate level of instruction
- I feel summer school should be offered every year for all students in need or want. Allowing basic skills to be mastered and possibly subjects with not enough time to be looked at thoroughly. Best investment kids/education
- This was her first year. She didn't know what to expect. However, at the end of the program she told me it was helpful and summer school wasn't bad at all. In fact she was so excited to tell me about her final reading test and how she improved. She was so proud of herself. We are glad she participated in the program. For once she has improved with her reading skills as opposed to regressing.
- The only complaint (if that) is I would have liked to see what they were working on even if it is once a week.
- I wasn't exactly sure what the kids were working on during most days. That said, I trust that whatever they were working on was helpful for them. In my child's case, daily behavior issues are as important as academic programming, and we did receive helpful communication regarding behavior issues.
- My son enjoyed school and looked forward to going every day. Thanks!
- 5-8 weeks of ESY would be great
- I'm very thankful my son was allowed to attend ESY and for all of the teachers! Thank you!
- The summer program is great! All the staff was wonderful
- The ESY teacher was awesome, Christine Phillips. I loved the daily correspondence and work sheets showing lessons were fabulous. She impressed us the most
- Thank you Christine! So happy my son will have you next year!
- The teacher made a good effort to let us know who she is and how to contact her
- I appreciated the effort that was made to get my son into this program. It would have been better if the curriculum was better planned to the student needs or level.
- Thank you for the 4 weeks of ESY!
- School starts at 8:00am and our pick up time was 7:00am. The bus often arrived earlier than 7:00. An hour on the bus is too long for a special needs child.
- It was an overall great summer experience. Kept him well occupied, busy, and focused on school. When the new school year begins he's well prepared
- I wish and I would like to see math papers done that day home. I feel there were not enough math homework sheets or books. It's nice and helpful to have what she had learned that day brought home that night to review.
- I would have liked to know more specifics. Did appreciate the ESY Express
- I think it would have been nice to have a little open house for those who could come – even the last 20 minutes of a day on the first week to meet the teacher, see the space and look at what they are doing. For those of us whose children have trouble with detailed speech, a picture is worth a thousand words, so to speak.
- We filled out paperwork and turned in and then were told we did not fill out any paperwork so he missed whole first day. When I contacted Mid-Valley they told me to contact Geneva school district and Geneva said it was Mid-Valleys fault
- My daughter loves the ESY program and has been going since pre-school and she is entering 6<sup>th</sup> grade this fall. Going to this program has helped her stay on track and not lose any skills.
- I like the theme/s and structure. I would like to see more themes in the future. I feel like “community” has been done a lot. (music and motion/animals around the world – couple ideas off the top of my head)

- Even longer ESY hours would have been ok since kindergarten will be all day next year
- Thanks for accommodating the food allergies!
- He did not talk much about it except when we asked him questions. One word yes/no answers. Scared for bus first week but got used to it again.
- Not sure the level of activities were really appropriate. He does need some “busy” work and it doesn’t hurt to practice some of the basic stuff
- Bus issues were a problem. The bus driver was not very efficient, missing our house on several occasions. We had to walk our child down the street 1-2 houses because she just couldn’t read our “highly visible” address.
- In our case more weeks of summer school would be better only because our son gets very bored at home all week even though I keep him active in programs such as swimming, gymnastics, horse therapy and fun club.
- Thanks so much for all your hard work!
- I think the beginning of the ESY program there were some complications with admin errors. Notification of teacher was incorrect. Supply list seemed extensive. These errors were addressed in the first week but I can see how some parents were concerned by the errors in admin and it seemed unorganized. Teacher is wonderful, good lesson plan info and communication
- I think summer school was really great for my son! He definitely needed it! Thanks so much to Melissa!!
- So glad Mrs. Mills taught ESY!
- Our son is being challenged academically and he doesn’t like it, but I tell him he is just learning, and with practice it will get easier. Thanks for continually pushing him forward!
- Thank you for giving up part of your summer. My son loved it and we are sure it helped him for next year. You guys are great!
- I enjoyed the paper communication daily to and from the teacher. I was able to ask questions and receive answers. I am so happy my child had this opportunity to take summer school classes. Thank you!
- The daily notes and activities checklist was very helpful and informative
- 4 hours of school plus transportation is far too long for 3-5 year olds. From a financial standpoint, I understand why the ESY day is structured this way but it is certainly not in the child’s best interest. I am grateful ESY is available but I wonder if the people organizing the schedule have special needs children
- Our son’s focus and vocalization really became less all over the place and more direct since summer school began. Thank you for working with him and giving him something to be excited about and giving me something to feel good about him attending
- Thank you!