

**Subject:** Recommendation - Targeted Services, Summer 2026.

**Background:** When we first started Summer School at Royalton Schools in a post-pandemic situation, there was great interest in engaging in additional learning to prevent learning loss and get kids. Participation was high, as was referrals.

In subsequent years, not only has referrals dropped but registration has also decreased. We moved Summer School to June as a mechanism to keep momentum going as school had just released for summer vacation.

Two years ago we paired with Freshwater Education District because the ESSER money we were given had run out and in order to cover the costs of the programming we needed to recoup through Targeted Services.

Freshwater Education District dictated an 11:1 student to teacher ratio and for the first year of this programming, we were able to have three teachers (K-1, 2-3, 4-5). Last year, we only had enough students registered to fill two teacher slots (K-2, 3-5). The referral process requires identification of students through one of several identifiers. Grouping K-2 and 3-5 students is very difficult due to the wide array of abilities in which a singular teacher has to prep, prepare, and deliver instruction for 12 days. At the MS/HS, we started with three teachers and a coordinator for 30+ kids in the middle school program. The numbers in the MS Targeted Services Summer School were once high enough to supplement the numbers at the elementary for staffing through Targeted Services. The move to June has created issues for this program over the past few years and the number of students attending summer school has declined significantly.

We are not able to bill targeted services for transportation or supervision of food service times, whereas our district takes on the bill for these services.

**Current Reality:** There are various reasons why we have seen a lower registration rate for our Targeted Services. Some are 'bad timing', 'pre-scheduled vacations', 'kids need a summer break', lower referral rates due to student progress, and no response back from home.

We are also butting up against a timeline of our transition to Qumilativ that happens in late June whereas we would only have 9 service dates for Targeted Services this Summer before we must have our End of Year wrapped up.

**Recommendation:** It is the Principals' recommendation that we do not offer Targeted Services in Summer 2026 due to low registration/participation numbers and lack of days available due to our transition to Qumilativ.

Please reach out if you have any questions.