



May 29, 2026

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As we are approaching the wrap up of another successful school year, we are looking ahead to the summer and we wanted to share some important information with you. We're excited for the upcoming start of our in-district Extended School Year (ESY) programming where we hope to see some of our students.

You are receiving this letter because your child has an IEP and their IEP team may have determined that it is appropriate for your child to attend ESY this summer. During your child's IEP Annual Review meeting your child's IEP team has decided whether or not your child qualifies for an in-district extended school year program this summer and it is outlined in their IEP. If they did, the information below will help you with important related details.

This year's ESY coordinators are Mrs. Erin Bolstad and Mrs. Ryann Giusti. They will be reaching out to you to introduce themselves and with more information about ESY programming very soon.

**The ESY Program will be in session from June 29th – July 30th, 2025**  
**Monday through Thursday (no session July 2nd)**

Grades	Location	Student Hours	Coordinator & Contact Information
PreK-Rising 5	Marshall Elementary School	8:00 am – 12:00 pm	Erin Bolstad <a href="mailto:esyvk5@somsd.k12.nj.us">esyvk5@somsd.k12.nj.us</a>
*Rising 6-12+	Columbia High School	9:00 am – 1:00 pm	Ryann Giusti <a href="mailto:esy612@somsd.k12.nj.us">esy612@somsd.k12.nj.us</a>

*\*Please note that RISING 6th graders (students going to 6th grade in the fall) will attend the 6-12 program.*

We are asking you to confirm your child(ren)'s participation in the program. We encourage every parent/guardian who is considering ESY for their child to confirm as soon as possible so we are able to secure the appropriate staff and transportation services. Kindly complete the attached 2025 Extended School Year Registration form no later than **Tuesday, June 10th, 2026**. [ESY Registration Form 2026 \(link\)](#) If you have difficulty filling out the online form, please contact your child's case manager or call one of the Special Education Supervisors at the following numbers and they will assist you in completing the registration process.

Sue Ellis: Pre K-8 Supervisor 973-762-5600 x 1838  
 Christina Puntierri: 6-8 Supervisor 973-762-5600 x 1842  
 Timothy Franklin 9-12 Supervisor 973-762-5600 x 1145

**If you have any further questions regarding your child's eligibility in ESY, their ESY services or ESY Transportation eligibility please reach out to your child's case manager.**

Sincerely,

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