



Extended School Year Plan for Summer 2020 COVID-19

Aspen Academy is committed to providing equitable learning opportunities for all students, including those with disabilities. With this in mind, Extended School Year (ESY) services will be provided in-person at the Aspen building for those students who qualify for such services. The ESY program will follow the safety guidelines established by the Minnesota Department of Health and the Minnesota Department of Education. Specific procedures are listed below.

- Social distancing will be maintained for staff and students when they are entering the building and while services are being provided throughout the day. Activities will be held in the special education rooms, the gymnasium, or outside.
- Students and staff will be in groups of 10 or fewer in each classroom. A small number of students will be participating in ESY, so students will be separated into two rooms and will generally not intermix.
- Upon arrival each day, staff and students will have health screenings, including having their temperature taken with a no-contact thermometer.
- As much as possible, staff will wear face masks. Given the nature of their needs, students will not be required to wear masks.
- Students and staff will wash hands upon arrival and before leaving.
- As much as possible, students will not share supplies such as markers and pencils. Each student will be provided with a bin of personal supplies to use during ESY.
- All surfaces will be disinfected daily and as necessary. Manipulatives and toys that are used by students will be disinfected daily.
- Families will be encouraged to send a water bottle each day for their student. The use of drinking fountains will be discouraged.
- Snacks will not be provided by Aspen. If snacks are brought from home, they may not be shared with other students. Students will need to wash their hands before and after eating the snack, and all surfaces will be disinfected.
- Those who receive transportation will follow the distancing guidelines from the bus company.
- The school will have 2 classrooms designated for ESY Summer services. Students will be divided into 2 rooms which will each have a para along with a Sped teacher. By using two classrooms we are ensuring that even with extra adult support it will not exceed 10 people in a room.
- Students will receive ESY services beginning on Tues, July 7. The program will run from 9am-12pm on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. ESY programming will end on July 30.
- Parents whose scholar is receiving ESY services will be provided with these guidelines as well as it being posted on the school's website.