

Six Weeks of Summer Learning & Fun!



**Morning Academics
(Reading, Mathematics & Writing)**

Afternoon Social Skills Programs

Teen Vocational Experiences

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**The Extended
School Year Program
at The Vanguard School**



*A Comprehensive
Six-Week Program Designed to
Maintain Skills & Reduce Regression*



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Overview

The Extended School Year (ESY) Program at The Vanguard School is offered to current students and students in neighboring school districts, ages 6 to 21, who are eligible for ESY services.

The program is designed to maintain skills and to reduce regression during the summer months through incorporating academic, social, behavioral, and vocational needs of students from individual IEP goals. Each summer, a program theme such as “Around the World” and “Soaring to Great Heights” provides an engaging foundation for summer learning and fun!

Quick Facts

Student Exceptionalities:

- Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD)
- Neurological Impairment (NI)
- Other Health Impairment (OHI)
- Mild behavior disorders

Ages: 6 - 21

ESY Student Ratio: 1:2 Primary School

1:4 Lower School

1:5 Middle/High School

Program Hours: Monday - Friday, 9 AM - 2 PM

Program Director: Holly Zipperer



Lower School

The Lower School ESY Program offers students daily morning academics that include: reading, math and language arts instruction.



Afternoon programming supports maintenance of social and behavioral skills through weekly “Summer Clubs”, bi-weekly intramural activities and a “Buddy Program”, pairing Middle School students with Lower School classes as they work together on theme-based projects. Weekly “water play” activities encourage peer interactions and support interpersonal skills, as well.

Middle & High School

The Middle & High School programs focus on daily morning academics in the areas of reading, math and language arts.

Students participate in vocational experiences on- and off-campus to reinforce work-related skills. Vocational experiences may include:

- landscaping
- custodial & maintenance work
- clerical work
- “counselor-in-training” program at a local YMCA

Weekly “Summer Clubs” support maintenance of social and behavioral goals within the context of engaging group activities, including:

- Karate
- Drama
- Cooking
- Crafts
- Gardening
- Sports & Games

Recreational swimming at a local YMCA each week provides additional opportunities for students to reinforce interpersonal skills.

Daily Schedule

SAMPLE SCHEDULE

9:00 - 9:10	Arrival & Homeroom
9:10 - 10:00	Reading Instruction
10:00 - 10:15	Snack/Break
10:15 - 11:00	Math Instruction
11:00 - 11:30	Language Arts Instruction
11:30 - 12:30	Lunch/Recess

Afternoons are spent participating in structured social & recreational activities, allowing students to reinforce and maintain social and behavioral skills within the context of engaging, relevant activities.

Activities include:

- Summer Clubs
- Swimming/Water Play
- Science & Social Studies Projects
- The Buddy Program (Lower & Middle School)
- Community Service Projects



Additionally, students receive speech therapy, occupational therapy, physical therapy and counseling as specified on their Extended School Year IEPs.

Referral Process

School Districts interested in having a student attend The ESY program at The Vanguard School should send the student's current IEP & evaluation report(s) to:

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