

LifeScape Extended School Year Program

Every summer, LifeScape has the privilege of serving additional students statewide in our Extended School Year (ESY) program. We are limited in the number of students we will be able to serve in our ESY program each year. The number of students will vary each year depending on our current census.

Each January a letter with specific information and dates for the ESY program for that year will be sent out to the Special Education Directors for each school district in South Dakota. Applications and all requested paperwork must be received by the end of March. Applications and information received will be reviewed and each student's team will be notified by the end of April. The specific dates for when the application and documents need to be received along with the notification date will be included in the letter sent out each January.

To promote success for your student(s), there will be a three-day minimum attendance requirement per week, with priority given to full time students. In addition, discharge meetings are scheduled upon request at the end of the ESY session to review programming that was conducted over the summer. If this is desired, we ask that a school representative be available for the discharge meeting with representatives from LifeScape, and parents in attendance. This option has been made available because it has been proven effective for communication and customer satisfaction. Discharge meetings may be held via Zoom or phone conference if needed.

We ask that you do not write any ESY statements regarding placement at LifeScape until you have been notified of acceptance. At that point, we would gladly have a LifeScape team member participate in the IEP meeting to assist with any questions regarding our ESY program and the selection of ESY goals.

You can download the necessary application materials from our website:

www.lifescapesd.org/services/special-education-school

Please contact our admissions department for any questions and to receive the necessary application materials at 605-444-9853.

