

EXCELLENCE NEWS

HAPPY NEW YEAR

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2026 is here. It is time to close out the year.

It's time to renew, review and revise those IEP's and make ESY determinations. What better way to do that than to equip your staff with regulations and requirements for not only legally defensible IEP's but also data driven IEP's to obtain better results and outcomes for our students. Let us know how the Excellence Group can help you and your team Finish Strong!

Tips for Finishing Strong

- Create timelines for IEP completion to ensure that all IEP's are finalized and transferred to the upcoming teacher for the 26-27 school year.
- Teachers NEED to talk. Encourage teachers to share as students transition from one teacher to the next. Reduce the learning curve for teacher to teacher.
- Surveys? needs assessment? Due Now? Gain insight on what your staff needs are now. These tools will assist with program development, professional development needs, and support for students.



EXTENDED SCHOOL YEAR

ESY season begins on January 15, which means it's time to train, plan, and organize.

Directors may want to focus on:

- Reviewing ESY criteria and documentation expectations with staff.
- Ensuring teachers have clear guidance on collecting regression and recoupment data, especially following the winter break.
- Sending reminders to teachers about ESY referral procedures and district deadlines.
- Reviewing student data for ESY consideration, including critical skill areas.
- Beginning early coordination for staffing, site selection and transportation so logistical pieces don't become rushed in the spring.