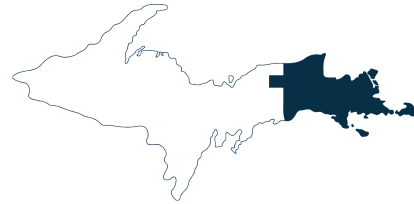


SE UPDATES & REMINDERS

February 2022



EASTERN UPPER PENINSULA
INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT

EUPISD Special Education Superstar Spotlight: Joy Carlson, we recognize your impact!

Joy Carlson is a resource room teacher at Engadine Consolidated Schools who continually goes above and beyond to meet the needs of students. Joy provides a calm, supportive, and welcoming space for students to learn and grow. She works hard to build positive relationships with students and it shows. Students have described Ms. Carlson as, “super friendly” and “easy to talk to.” This year, in addition to her caseload duties, Joy has worked hard to support a long term substitute in the district and has also picked up an hour of general education ELA instruction during her prep time to fill a need in the district. “Joy has been a great leader this year; supporting other teachers and working extra hard to make sure everything is running smoothly. The district is very fortunate to have such a dedicated teacher!” says Tammy Hazley, EUPISD Assistant Director of Special Education.

Extended School Year

Extended School Year (ESY) services refer to special education and/or related services provided beyond the normal school year or school day for the purpose of providing a Free and Appropriate Public Education (FAPE) to a student with a disability. Some students with disabilities may not receive a FAPE unless they participate in programs and/or related services during time periods when other students, whether they have a disability or not, normally would not be served. Consequently, some students may require ESY services in order to receive a FAPE. It is imperative to consider carefully the needs of each student in order to determine if ESY services are necessary for FAPE. ESY services will accomplish different purposes for different students and will be provided in different ways to address the student’s unique needs. The [EUPISD Extended School Year Guidelines](#) are designed to assist IEP teams with the consideration of ESY services. If you have questions or need assistance with ESY related issues, please consult with your district’s special education supervisor / director.

State Assessment Selection

The Michigan Department of Education provides a variety of tools for IEP teams to use when determining the appropriate state assessment for a student. Providers are encouraged to review these materials in advance of the spring testing session to ensure students will be taking the appropriate assessment.

Flow Chart [“Should my student take an alternate assessment?”](#)
[Interactive Decision-Making Tool](#) - Assessment Selection Guidance

State Assessment Accommodations

The [January 27, 2022 MDE Spotlight on Student Assessment and Accountability](#) newsletter highlights the updated [Supports and Accommodations](#) guidance for MSTEP, MiACCESS, WIDA, PSAT, SAT, and ACT Work Keys testing in spring of 2022. The guidance document outlines Universal Tools, Designated Supports, and Accommodations for assessments and includes specific guidelines for the use of many of these accessibility options. All special education providers are encouraged to review the guidance in advance of spring assessments. Additionally, the Spotlight provides a [link to tracking tools](#) that schools can use to ensure documentation of the accommodations and designated supports provided for students during testing.

Functional Behavior Assessment Professional Learning

The EUPISD will be hosting a virtual training to support special education providers with the completion of a Functional Behavior Assessment that leads to function based behavior intervention planning. The training will be on March 2, 2022 from 12:00-3:00. Register via Wisdomwhere using [THIS LINK](#). Contact Stacey Miller with questions - staceym@eupschools.org

Summer Y.O.U.

The EUPISD, in partnership with Michigan Rehabilitation Services (MRS), is excited to again offer supported summer employment opportunities for youth with disabilities via our Summer Youth Opportunity Unlimited (Y.O.U.) program. The program application will open on February 1, 2022 and remain open through March 1, 2022. The application is intended to be completed by the student and their special education case manager / teacher. Please note - the applications will be sent only to the teachers. The YOU Summer Work Program will run from June 20, 2022 through August 5, 2022. If you have any questions please contact Patricia Jones at pjones@eupschools.org.
[EUPISD Youth Opportunity Unlimited Summer Work Program Flyer](#)

Project Search

Project Search is an internship based work experience program (located at War Memorial Hospital) for young adults (ages 18-26) with disabilities. Interns gain hands-on work experience through three different internship rotations based on the interns' interests and career goals. Project Search is now recruiting interns for the 2022-23 school year. Applications are due by March 25, 2022. [CLICK HERE](#) for the Project Search Recruitment flyer to learn more about the program. Contact Kelli Fenlon for more information - kfenlon@eupschools.org