

HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER LEARNING - FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. What dates will High School Summer Learning be in session?

High School Summer Learning begins on June 24, 2025, and concludes on July 31, 2025. Classes will not be in session for students and summer staff on Fridays.

The HS ESY Program, scheduled at the Woodson High School summer site, starts on July 7, 2025, and ends on July 31, 2025. High school summer learning programming will not be in session for students nor summer staff on Fridays.

2. Will breakfast and lunch be served during the summer learning term?

Yes. Both breakfast and lunch will be served daily. Students should verify with their summer site team the exact time when breakfast and lunch will be served. Generally, breakfast starts at 8:30 am and lunch at 12:00 pm.

3. Is there a student orientation prior to the start of the High School Summer Learning Program?

Yes. Summer site teams will host an orientation for students and families, tentatively scheduled for June 23, 2025. The orientation will be virtual. Summer learning teams will send communication with the confirmed date and time of the orientation. During orientation, students will be introduced to their summer site's leadership and staff and provided with critical information that will lead to a successful experience over the summer learning period.

4. Which students are eligible for credit recovery? Are there seat hours for credit recovery courses?

Students who have failed the original version of a course are eligible for credit recovery and can be scheduled in up to 2.0 credits at a time. Unlike original credit, seat hours are not applicable to credit recovery courses. Courses generally offered for credit recovery during the summer learning term can be found [here](#). Students should speak with their school counselors or their designated summer site leadership to confirm if a course will be offered.

5. Will original credit courses be available during the summer learning period? Will original credit be scheduled to meet seat hour requirements?

Yes. Original credit will be offered for rising 9th grade students through current 12th grade students. Potential summer graduates will be prioritized.

Seat hours will be in effect for original credit courses for the duration of the summer learning term. Students in need of a 1.0 credit OC course will be scheduled for 120 hours of instruction over the course of the summer term. Students in need of a 0.5 original credit course will be scheduled for 60 hours of instructional time.

The original credit courses planned for summer learning 2025 can be found [here](#). Students should speak with their school counselors or their designated summer site leadership to confirm if a course will be offered.

6. How many credit-bearing courses can students take during the summer learning term?

The number of courses a student can take during the summer learning term depends on whether the course is for credit recovery, original credit, or a combination of both.

Students scheduled in credit recovery can take up to 2.0 credits at a time. Credit recovery is competency-based and self-paced; therefore, if a student completes all required credit recovery coursework by the midpoint of the summer learning term (**July 10, 2025**), that student can then be scheduled in another credit recovery course if the total amount of credits does not exceed 2.0.

Original credit courses that are 1.0 credit are all day and thus a student cannot be scheduled in any additional courses. Students should speak with their school Counselors if they have scheduling questions.

7. Are students required to continue to attend class if they have completed all required credit recovery coursework?

No. Credit recovery is competency-based and self-paced. Therefore, students who complete all required coursework do not have to continue to attend class after the final grade and credit appears on the student's transcript for that specific course. The student should continue to attend class if they are scheduled in other credit recovery courses.

Original credit courses are scheduled to meet seat hour requirements and students are expected to attend class every day of the summer learning term (**June 24 – July 31**) if scheduled in original credit. Original credit courses are not self-paced.

7. Is there a registration process for credit recovery and original credit?

Yes. There is a registration process for both credit recovery and original credit. Students should work directly with their school Counselor to be registered.

8. What is the grading scale for credit-bearing courses during the summer learning period?

The grading scale for students scheduled in credit-bearing courses will vary depending on an individual student's circumstances (see below).

- Credit Recovery: Students who are scheduled in credit recovery courses can receive final marks of A, B, C, D, or W, depending on performance.
- Original Credit: In addition to adhering to seat hour requirements, students scheduled in original credit can earn final marks of A, B, C, D, W, or F depending on performance.

The grade of W will be the result of not meeting the attendance policy.

9. What is DCPS' summer learning attendance policy?

Attendance will be taken for all scheduled students starting day one of the summer learning term (June 24, 2025). Students scheduled in either credit recovery or original credit who accrue more than three (3) unexcused absences will earn a final grade of W.

Credit recovery is competency-based; therefore, students who complete all required coursework prior to the conclusion of the summer learning term will no longer have to attend classes **after** the final grade of the course appears on the student's transcript.

Original credit courses are not competency-based and thus students cannot complete the course prior to the last day of the summer learning term (July 31).

10. If a student does not meet the attendance requirement and receives a final grade of W before the summer learning term ends, can they remain in the class?

Students who earn a final grade of W as the result of not meeting the attendance requirement can continue with the course if the W is received no later than the midpoint of the summer learning term (**July 10, 2025**). Please note that students must be reenrolled in a different section of the same class to continue.

Students in this predicament should speak with their summer learning site counselor if they wish to continue their credit recovery studies.

11. My child receives special education services. Can I enroll him/her in DCPS' summer learning program?

Yes. Depending on the student's IEP and progress toward promotion and graduation, students who receive special education services may be enrolled in the DCPS Summer Learning Program at their assigned school or in the Extended School Year (ESY) program.

ESY services, which are provided in accordance with the IEP, are distinct from the summer learning program which offers generalized content on a predetermined schedule. Students with disabilities are provided with necessary accommodations and modifications to access the general curriculum and receive instruction in summer learning.

ESY services are provided through an IEP and are intended to focus on mitigating the loss of critical skills when there is a break in service. The IEP team annually determines the students who are eligible for ESY programming.

12. My child is a HS English language learner. Can I enroll him/her in DCPS' summer learning program?

Yes! English language learners in grades 9-12 may enroll in summer learning. ELL students may enroll in any traditional summer learning program. As part of instruction, ELL students will experience differentiation based on their individual English Language Proficiency (ELP) level.

If ELL students meet the required criteria for the HS English Learner Summer Academic Program (ELSAP), English learners may enroll in HS ELSAP.

For the HS-ELSAP, students must complete registration forms with their bilingual/school counselors and/or ESL teachers, discuss course selection with their counselors before final course selection is approved and enrollment occurs. The HS-ELSAP provides a rigorous academic program while supporting the students' progress in English language development. Students who participate in HS-ELSAP develop greater English proficiency, advance through courses, and grade levels, and are positioned for success as they work toward high school graduation.

13. Will high school summer learning also include summer bridge, and if so, who is eligible?

Yes. Summer bridge will be part of high school summer learning. Rising 9th graders will be automatically enrolled in summer bridge after they have been enrolled in DCPS for the 2025-2026 school year. Students and families should receive information from both their SY24-25 and SY25-26 schools.

13. My child is not a DCPS student. Can I enroll him/her in DCPS’ High School Summer Learning Program?

No. Only current students enrolled in DCPS for the 2024-2025 school year are eligible for DCPS’ summer learning. A DCPS student is someone currently enrolled in one of the traditional public schools. This does not include students who attend public charter schools.

14. My child is not a DC resident. Can I enroll him/her in DCPS’ High School Summer Learning Program?

If a non-resident student is **currently** enrolled in a traditional DCPS school for the 2024-2025 school year and has paid non-resident tuition, then he/she can be enrolled in high school summer learning. Students who attend public charter schools are not eligible.

15. Do summer learning students ride public transportation for free?

Yes. Students registered for DCPS 2025 summer programs are eligible to ride metro public transportation for free. Students must be:

- A resident of the District of Columbia,
- Ages 5 through 21, and
- Enrolled in an elementary or secondary public, public charter, private, or parochial school located within the district or youth in the care of the District.

For more information, please visit [Kids Ride Free Program | ddot \(dc.gov\)](https://ddot.dc.gov/kids-ride-free).

16. Where can families and students find more information about summer programming?

Families and students can find additional summer programming information [here](#).

17. Who can students and families contact if they have questions about specific high school summer learning programs?

Students and families can reach out to the following points of contact:

Program	Point of Contact
Credit Recovery	6-12summerlearning@k12.dc.gov
Original Credit	
High School English Learner Summer Academic Program	Brian.jones@k12.dc.gov
Extended School Year	Dcps.esy@k12.dc.gov
9 th Grade Summer Bridge	Oluwaseyi.oseni@k12.dc.gov