

MIDDLE SCHOOL SUMMER LEARNING - FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. What are the dates for Middle School Summer Learning?

Middle School Summer Learning begins on June 24, 2025, and concludes on July 31, 2025. Please note there may be different dates and times for programs (see table below). Please note that Summer Learning will not be in session for students and staff on Fridays.

Program Name	Summer Site	Dates	Times
Academic Recovery	Brookland MS Eliot-Hine MS Hart MS Ida B. Wells MS Jefferson MS	June 24 – July 31	9:00 am – 12:00 pm
Academic Enrichment Camp	Brookland MS Eliot-Hine MS Hart MS Ida B. Wells MS Jefferson MS	June 24 – July 31	9:00 am – 12:00 pm
MS ELSAP	Brookland MS Ida. B. Wells MS	June 24 – July 31	8:30 am – 12:30 pm
MS CTE Enrichment (Top Chef Junior & Digital Storytelling)	Ballou HS	June 24 – July 31	9:00 am – 12:00 pm
MS CTE Enrichment (Mastering Robotics and Mini Medics)	Brookland MS	June 24 – July 31	9:00 am – 12:00 pm
MS Enrichment (Math Acceleration Camp 1-3)	Hart MS Ida B. Wells MS	June 24 – July 31	9:00 am – 12:00 pm
MS HPE Enrichment (Outdoor Pursuits)	Roosevelt HS Woodson HS	July 7 - July 24	9:00 am – 3:30 pm
MS Enrichment (Generation Teach – STEAM)	Eliot-Hine MS Jefferson MS	June 24 – July 31	9:00 am – 4:00 pm

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

Yes. Breakfast and lunch will be served daily for both half day and full day programs. Students should verify with their summer site team the exact time when breakfast and lunch will be served. Generally, breakfast is served at 8:30 am and lunch at 12:00 pm.

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

Yes. A virtual orientation will be held for students and families tentatively on June 23, 2025. Summer site learning teams will share additional information including the date and time of 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 course of the summer learning term.

4. Can students register for more than one (1) summer enrichment program?

No. Students can only register for one (1) enrichment program. Please note that students who are retained at the end of SY2024-2025 must be scheduled in and attend academic recovery (summer

school). Students who receive a confirmed seat in an enrichment program, prior to learning of their retention status, will no longer be eligible for enrichment if marked for retention by their school Principal.

5. Are middle school students eligible for high school original credit?

Yes. Specifically, current 8th grade students are eligible for original credit during the summer learning term if they are promoted from 8th to 9th grade at the conclusion of SY2024-2025. Original credit allows current 8th graders to start earning high school credit prior to their ninth-grade school year.

Students will not have a confirmed seat in original credit until their eligibility has been confirmed and they have been scheduled in the course. Students can follow up with their school counselor if they have any questions.

Current high school students may also be scheduled in original credit courses. Seats will be prioritized for potential summer graduates.

The table below lists the original credit courses current 8th graders (rising 9th graders) can register for:

Course Name	Credit Value	Summer Site(s)
Algebra I	1.0	Ballou HS; Banneker HS; Coolidge HS
Geometry	1.0	Ballou HS; Banneker HS; Coolidge HS
Biology	1.0	Ballou HS; Coolidge HS
American Sign Language II	1.0	Ballou HS
Spanish I	1.0	Ballou HS; Coolidge HS
Spanish II	1.0	Ballou HS; Coolidge HS
Exploring Hospitality and Tourism	1.0	Ballou HS; Coolidge HS
Exploring Finance	1.0	Ballou HS; Coolidge HS
Art	0.5	Ballou HS; Coolidge HS
Music Theory	0.5	Ballou HS; Coolidge HS
Health	0.5	Ballou HS; Coolidge HS

6. Which students are eligible for academic recovery?

Students who have been officially marked for retention by their school principals during SY2024-2025 are eligible for and must attend academic recovery. School principals determine whether students will be retained. The summer learning team is not involved in retention decisions.

The Central Services summer learning team will cross-enroll and schedule retained students in their respective summer sites and academic recovery courses.

7. Are students required to attend the summer site per the established feeder pattern for academic recovery (summer school)?

Yes. The feeder pattern for academic recovery has been thoughtfully created in collaboration with school-based and other Central Services teams. If families have safety concerns, families should reach out to their current school team who will then follow up with Central Services, if necessary.

Middle school enrichment programs do not have a feeder pattern. Families can register their child for the program they wish at the summer site of their choice.

8. My child receives special education services. Can I enroll him/her in DCPS' middle school summer learning?

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.

9. My student is an English learner. Can I enroll him/her in DCPS' Summer Learning?

Yes! Middle grade English language learners may enroll in summer programming. EL students may enroll in any traditional summer school program. As part of instruction, EL students will experience differentiation based on their individual English Language Proficiency (ELP) level.

If EL students meet the required criteria for the English Learner Summer Academic Program (ELSAP), English learners may enroll the Middle School English Learner Summer Academic Program (MS-ELSAP).

MS-ELSAP is a program for English Learner students who are rising 6th through 8th graders. Students with WIDA level 1.0 to Level 2.5 are encouraged to enroll in an intensive language program designed specifically for middle school English Learners. Students who are currently taking English as a Second Language (ESL) classes or receiving ESL supports are welcome to join the English Learner Summer Academic Program (ELSAP).

ELSAP provides a rigorous academic program while supporting students' progress in English language development. For additional information, please contact kristopher.bengston@k12.dc.gov.

10. My child is not a DCPS student. Can I enroll him/her in DCPS' Summer Enrichment & 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.

11. My child is not a DC resident. Can I enroll him/her in DCPS' Summer Enrichment & 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 scheduled in summer learning. Students who attend public charter schools are not eligible.

12. What is the summer learning program attendance policy?

Students in summer learning are expected to engage in and attend classes daily and arrive on time. Students who are scheduled in academic recovery or original credit and accrue more than three (3) unexcused absences will automatically receive a final grade of grade of W for the course. Not meeting the attendance requirement may impact promotion for students.

Students scheduled in non-graded enrichment courses who do not attend consistently may be withdrawn from the course and those seats may then be offered to students on the waitlist. Withdrawal will be at the discretion of the summer site leader in consultation with the teacher of record.

13. Being a rising student is listed as a part of the criteria for some summer programming. What does this mean?

To participate in summer programming with “rising” student criteria, this means that students must be promoted from their current grade to the next grade level at the conclusion of the 2024-2025 school year to participate in that specific summer program.

14. Will students have opportunities to go on field trips?

The opportunity to take field trips lies solely with the various programs or summer site teams. Students should check with their summer site leadership, teacher, or program lead if they have questions about field trips.

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).

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

Families and students can find additional summer programming information at [DC Public Schools Family Guide for Summer Learning - DCPS Strong](#).

17. Is there a registration process for middle school summer learning?

Yes. Families can register their DCPS children [here](#) starting on January 27, 2025, at 9:00 am. There is not a registration process for retention students in need of academic recovery.

School Principals will have an opportunity during the month of May to make retention decisions. Central Services will subsequently schedule all retention students in DCPS' Academic Recovery Program.

At the conclusion of the summer learning term, school Principals will make promotion decisions for students scheduled in academic recovery.

18. Once a student has been registered and scheduled in a summer learning program, is that seat guaranteed?

Our goal is to ensure that all DCPS summer programs take place; however, if student enrollment is low, there is a possibility that a program may be closed. If that is the case, families will have an opportunity to select another program pending seat availability.

The only middle school program that is guaranteed to take place is Academic Recovery for students who have been marked for retention by their school Principal. Academic Enrichment Camp for students who wish to reduce summer learning loss is also guaranteed.

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

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

Program	Point of Contact
Academic Recovery	6-12summerlearning@k12.dc.gov
Academic Enrichment Camp	
Original Credit	
Math Acceleration Camp	
Health & Physical Education Outdoor Pursuits Enrichment Career & Technical Education Enrichment	
Generation Teach (STEAM) Enrichment	
Middle School English Learner Summer Academic Program	Kristopher.bengston@k12.dc.gov

Extended School Year	Dcps.esy@k12.dc.gov
6 th Grade Summer Bridge	Oluwaseyi.oseni@k12.dc.gov