

2025 Summer School in Review

DPI Reports for the past 10 years:

Year	Full Time Equivalency	Days Offered	Residents Enrolled	Non-residents Enrolled
2025	205	24	2833	0
2024	188	23	2690	0
2023	173	22	2603	0
2022	166	22	2568	0
2021	160	23	2320	0
2020	120	24	1989	0
2019	185	23	2760	9
2018	175	22	2609	8
2017	168	22	2464	22
2016	167	23	2513	22

Enrollment: Headcount of all students who have enrolled and attended at least one class.

FTE (Full Time Equivalency): Determined by totaling all student membership minutes and dividing by 48,600 (one FTE). FTE is used by the state when calculating the aid payment to the district.

2025 Summer School Highlights:

- **Registrations:** The district had a 1.78% increase in summer school registrations in 2025. We had the highest number of registrations in the program's history with a total of 9,601 class registrations. It resulted in 17 additional FTEs that were earned this summer. That was a 9.2% increase in FTEs. We had 2,833 students participate in Summer School in 2025. That is 64.8% of our student population that participated in the summer school program.
- **Growth:** In the last decade, Waunakee Community School District's student count has grown by 9.5%. During that same time period, the summer school student count has grown by almost 23%.

- **Course Offerings in 2025:** We offered additional sections of some existing courses at the elementary level in 2025. This in part increased the FTEs at the elementary level by almost 6 FTEs. We also offered two new courses at the Intermediate level. This also in part increased our FTEs at that level by almost 6 FTEs. FTEs also increased due to increased daily attendance.
- **Online Personal Finance:** An Online Personal Finance course was added for HS students. This was done because DPI added that course as a graduation requirement. The Online Finance course was added for Summer School 2025 and will be added in 2026 to allow students who missed the opportunity to take that course earlier in their HS career to take it in the summer to make up that new graduation requirement. In Summer School 2025, the district gained an additional 4.17 FTEs from offering this course. We expect the impact in 2026 to be less and those FTEs will be gone in 2027 should the course sunset.
- **Staffing:** There were 350 Summer School Staff contracts in 2025. This was a 5.5% increase from 2024. The increase was because of staffing for the additional course offerings. We also needed an additional 10 special ed paras this summer to support students.
- **Calendar for classes:** In the past, we offered six weeks of summer school first and then week seven was Camp Invention. In 2024 and 2025, we offered Camp Invention first and then the six weeks of summer school. This switch was done to provide summer school staff more time to set up their classrooms, order supplies and have supplies in house before the first day of school. This change has been favorably received by both parents and staff. As a reminder, we added the third full camp, increasing FTE considerably last year. This same FTE was held this year as we are continuing to run three full camps. We anticipate keeping this type of calendar moving forward.
- **July 4th Holiday:** Summer School 2025 core courses ran for 24 days this summer, because of when the holiday fell.
- **Remedial Registrations:** An analysis of past data showed that over the last five years, 75% of the students recommended for remedial summer school courses actually are registered for their recommended course. That percentage was very consistent from year to year. Remedial recommendations and registrations for 2025 were statistically similar to 2024. We are hopeful that future Next Path will allow us more data information to compare student achievement of those that attended and those that did not attend.

Looking Ahead:

- **Alternate Transportation:** We need to look at revising the alternate transportation policy for Summer School. The current policy of daily unlimited options for parents creates student safety concerns for our youngest learners.
- **Middle School:** 2026 Summer School is planning on using the new Middle School for 2026 MS Summer School classes.
- **HS credit recovery process:** There was a 50% decrease in registrations for credit recovery classes in 2025. 38.5% of the time staff contracted for those

summer school classes had no students in the classroom. The administration will be reviewing the way we currently plan for and serve remedial class needs. Shorter calendars may be helpful. We will look for ways to restructure and improve this area of summer school to better fit student needs and attendance.

- **Staff Badges for Summer School Employees:** We will be working on ways to expand badges for summer school staff.
- **Reports for Student Support needs:** We currently run summer school reports that identify students registered for summer school that need support because of health needs, ELL or special ed. The reports are used to get appropriate staff support in place for those students and get that staff trained prior to the start of summer school. In 2026, we want to add a report for McKinney Vento students to help identify any support needs or accommodations they might need as well, especially as it relates to transportation.
- **Adaptive Swim Lessons:** We will be looking at restructuring and adding an additional section of the Adaptive Swim Lessons offered in 2026.
- **Attendance Reporting for our Translation Families:** We will be looking at ways to make reporting summer school absences easier for our translation required families.
- **Summer School Communications:** For 2026, the Summer School Office will be preparing and sharing with Communications and IT parent contact information (email and text) for students registered for summer school. They will also be provided staff contact information as well. There will be contact groups created by building, session and/or course. Those will be provided prior to the start of summer school. In the event of any incident occurring during summer school, Communications will be able to get the appropriate communication out to the appropriate parties.
- **Process to Review Registration Vendor:** We will begin a review process of vendor selection for registration for 2027. We may be staying with our current vendor, but will review with stakeholders on the best fit for our district. Our registration system drives registration as well as predicting staffing and produces our DPI report.