



Board of Education

TO: BOE
FROM: Whitnie Del Toro, Assistant Director for Teaching and Learning, Gloria Trejo, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching & Learning
DATE: 5/16/2024
RE: Summer School 2024

This memo is:

- ☒ Information only.
☐ Information with a recommendation, and a request for Board consent.
☐ Information with a recommendation, and a request for Board approval by vote.

Date by which a Board decision is needed: _____

Previous memos on this topic can be found:

- ☐ in previous Board packet(s) dated. _____
☐ or attached to this memo

Basic information:
<p>This year, all summer school for grades K-8 will be held at Lemay Middle School. ESY for grades K-8 will also be housed at Lemay Middle School while PreK ESY students will be bused to SASD due to construction at Pioneer School.</p> <p>Transportation for summer school will be provided for students who qualify.</p> <p>This year we will offer both dual and monolingual classes for students in grades K-8. Dual students will receive Spanish and English language arts instruction as well as math instruction. Monolingual students will receive English language arts as well as math instruction.</p> <p>Lead teachers have identified focus standards for Math and ELA for grades K-8 and SLA for grades K-5 based on student data. Summer school teachers will create lessons and activities that align with these standards with the purpose of decreasing and eliminating the summer slide. Teachers will run 1:1 conferences and small group instruction targeting the needs of students in literacy and math. There will also be an AE (accelerated and enrichment) strand for students identified as AE in grades 3-8. Students will participate in "Shakespeare Amazes," where they will read a student-friendly version of a famous Shakespeare play and create their own version to showcase at the end of the summer. Technology will be embedded into all classes and lessons with the help of our instructional technology teachers.</p> <p>New this year is the Newcomer strand for students in grades 6-8. These classes will focus on navigating our school system, and English language acquisition with the focus on translanguaging and making cross-linguistic connections. Additionally, we will send two D33 teachers to Wheaton Bible Church every morning during summer school to provide academic support to our D33 students attending Puente.</p>

Summer school will run for 19 days, June 24-July 25, Monday-Thursday for 5 weeks except for July 4th. In partnership with Community Schools, all students registered for summer school who attend Currier, Gary, Pioneer, and Turner were invited to be a part of the afterschool summer programming, CAPE.

Currently, we have over 470 students enrolled in summer school and about 30 students enrolled in ESY in grades K-8. We have over 90 staff that will teach/support summer school including nurses, and clerical staff. 23 students in the Teachers of Tomorrow program from Leman Middle School and West Chicago Community High School will also be in our classrooms supporting our students. Finally, we will host Golden Apple Scholars From Northern Illinois University to work with students and provide teacher assistance.

Additional Programs:

Kinder Camp will be held August 12-16th at Gary School from 9:00-11:30 as drop off/pick up only. Kinder Camp focused on kindergarten readiness skills.

Background or historical information:

Summer School 2023 was held at ELC and Leman Middle School. ELC housed the Prek, Kinder, and 1st grade ESY students. Leman held all students in grades K-8 as well as 1-8th grade ESY students. There were a total of 412 students enrolled in summer school and 45 students enrolled in ESY in 2023.

Summer School 2022 was held at three sites. We had students in Kindergarten-3rd grade at Turner School, all 4th -8th graders were at West Chicago Community High School and students needing ESY for pre-school-2nd grade were at Trinity. There were a total of 494 students enrolled in summer school and 63 students enrolled in ESY in 2022.

During the summer of 2020, we held summer school virtually in response to the pandemic shutdown. Students logged on every morning for a half-day and met with their class virtually. Individual conferences were also set up with the teacher and family. GATE classes were provided to students eligible in grades 3-8th.

Previous to the pandemic year, summer school was held at Leman and Winfield working closely with the DREAM program in grades K-5. Students in grades 6-8 participated in the Bridge Program targeting students who were failing at least two core classes. There has been consistent student enrollment of 314 students in 2018 and 2019.

Previous decisions, actions, or parameters that relate to this topic or issue:

Staff and parents are excited to have summer school open to so many students. Anyone who wants to attend summer school will be able to attend.

Information:

Parent Communication

Parent Square and Blackboard will be utilized to send home weekly Summer School Newsletters, updates, and pictures. Summer progress reports will be sent home at the end of the summer to communicate the growth students have made.

Other questions? What else does the Board wish to know?: