

Summer School 2025: End-of-Session Highlights

Dear Team,

As we close out our 2025 summer programming, we want to take a moment to recognize and celebrate all that was accomplished—because of YOU.

By the Numbers

- Over 534 students participated in K–8 summer programming
- 407.5 credits were recovered by 9–12 students
- Over 12 Community partnerships flourished through our ongoing *Packer Profile* collaboration
- 12 AHS students consistently volunteered at our K–8 sites—earning volunteer hours while making a lasting impact on the next generation of Packers!

Growth Worth Celebrating: Our Students Are Making Strides

Thanks to your intentional instruction, encouragement, and support, our K–8 students experienced meaningful academic growth this summer:

- Reading: overall our students saw a 19.1% gain in reading.
- Math: overall our students saw a 16.6% gain in mathematics.

These gains reflect more than just numbers—they represent the confidence, persistence, and progress our students made with your guidance.

Beyond the Classroom: Enriching Experiences

Students engaged in hands-on, meaningful learning both on and off campus. Some highlights included:

- Field Trips & Community Experiences:
Bowling at Echo Lanes, Hormel Institute tour, Riverland College visit, Library & Spam Museum visits, Dressner Park frisbee golf, Austin Utilities/Water Tower tour
- Health & Safety Presentations (EL Health at AHS):
Chemical health speaker, First aid presentations, Hormel health education, United Way guest speaker
- Creative & Physical Electives (K-8):
PE, science, and art electives; VR experiences; and extended library enrichment

- Support & Contributions:
AHS volunteers, many guest speakers supporting *Packer Profile* goals, and APAC's generous donation of outdoor games for our end-of-session celebration

Celebrating Success

- 12 students graduated from Austin High School this summer—each with a powerful story and a bright future ahead.

We Hear You-Stakeholder Feedback

- 100% of the staff surveyed (25 respondents) would be interested in teaching again next year.
- 92% of students surveyed (117 out of 127) enjoyed summer school.
- 88% of students surveyed (112 out of 127) said they learned something new this summer.

Summer school isn't just something our district funds—it's something we invest in. The time, care, and dedication you bring to this work changes lives.

Thank you for showing up, leading well, and making a lasting impact.

With appreciation,

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