

TO: The Board of Education and
Dr. Constance Collins, Supt. of Schools

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SUBJECT: FYI: 2010 Summer School Plans

Executive Summary

The purpose of this informational report is to provide the Board of Education with a description of the planned 2010 summer school programs. The information in this report is divided into these sections:

1. School Daze
2. Music Camp
3. Middle School Academy
4. Early Start Reading Camp

OAK PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT 97
Oak Park, Illinois

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This report highlights summer school information for the 2010 summer school sessions.

Goal Statements Addressed:

- a. Guide the ongoing monitoring of student achievement throughout the year using both classroom and testing data to assess progress.
- b. Oversee and lead the implementation of scientifically research-based initiatives which result in a decrease in suspensions and expulsions.

Strategic Plan Connection:

The Strategic Plan end results that are most closely tied to this program are:

1. (1.3) Adapt instruction to meet the needs of different academic abilities and learning styles.
2. (1.11) Determine whether to continue, discontinue or modify academic programs based on data.

School Daze

School Daze is a fee-based summer school that offers classes of various topics, taught by District 97 teachers. Classes have been developed as an extension to the regular school year to stimulate student thinking and reinforce skills. The student fees have been increased this year from \$90 to \$100 for an hour and a half and from \$180 to \$200 for a three-hour class. Partial Student Opportunity Scholarships may be available through the Oak Park Township for children who are currently in grades 4-7. District 97 scholarships are available to students currently in grades K-3. Scholarships are for Oak Park residents and are available only to students who qualify for the free and reduced lunch program.

School Daze is available to all students in District 97 and Oak Park residents. It will be held at Hatch and Lincoln Elementary schools. School Daze begins on June 8 and continues through June 25. Thirty-eight classes are currently offered for the 2010 summer term. If enrollment in any class is less than six, the class will be canceled.

The Oak Park Education Foundation is offering several BASE Camp opportunities at Julian this summer from June 7th through July 2nd. Architecture Adventure for current grade 3 and 4 students, Geared Up for current 2nd, 4rd and 4th graders and Vex Robotics for current 5th and 6th graders will be offered for two sessions each. Tuition ranges from \$200 for two weeks to \$400 for four weeks. Sessions run 3 hours daily.

Music Camp

Summer Band and Orchestra Camps will be held from August 2nd through August 13th at Brooks Middle School. The fee will be \$75 for a basic class.

Middle School Academy

Middle School Academy is held at both Julian and Brooks from June 8th through July 9th with July 5th as a holiday. Approximately 40 fifth graders, 43 sixth graders and 60 7th graders participated last year. Six teachers are hired for each middle school plus a supervisor.

Current fifth graders will be using the intervention program Reading Plus from *Lexia* for reading as well as previewing some of the 6th grade skills and materials. Math will be a pre-algebra program called Hands-On Equations. Social Studies will be African American History. All *Lexia* materials are being provided at no cost to the District on a pilot basis. Current sixth and seventh graders will use the Read 180 program for reading, pre-teaching math skills and strategies using materials from McDougal Littell, and providing writing and social studies time centered on our middle school curricula.

Early Start Reading Camp

Early Start will be held in three schools this summer from June 28 – July 16 with July 5 off for the holiday weekend. Whittier will host Mann, Holmes, and Hatch. Approximately 28 kindergarteners, 20 1st graders, 10 2nd graders, 25 3rd graders and 20 4th graders will attend Whittier. Lincoln will host Irving this summer and approximately 20 kindergarteners, 10 1st graders, 14 2nd graders, 19 3rd graders and 17 4th graders will attend at Lincoln. Longfellow will host Beye this summer and approximately 22 kindergarteners, 18 1st graders, 24 2nd graders, 22 3rd graders and 15 4th graders will attend Longfellow. Students will be recommended based on RTI Tier 2 interventions needs.

ISAT scores as well as our formative assessments and DIBELS testing continually show a gap in reading for our RTI Tier 2 students. Therefore, in order to impact students' reading skills, we will offer two 2-hour reading sessions at the three sites. For kindergarten, materials from the Michael Haggerty Group will be used to strengthen beginning reading skills. Intervention materials from *Lexia* will be used 30 minutes a day in grades one through three. Fourth grade will use the *Lexia* intervention program Reading Plus for a similar period of time each day. *Lexia* is relevant to students who need help with decoding skills, while Reading Plus improves fluency and comprehension. *Lexia* is a computer-based program that conforms to the national and state standard that replicable researched-based programs be used with at-risk students.

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