

Summer School 2013-2014 Proposal

June Session: June 16th-26th

ES: Monday-Thursday 8:30-12:30

- The first two weeks will be set up like a “Creativity Academy”
- Students will choose elective courses that are project-based such as Lego Engineering, Outdoor Survival, Cooking Across the Globe, School Garden, etc.
- Courses will be established based on student interest.
- Students will be able to sign up for both weeks, or individual weeks based on scheduling needs.
- Kindergarten and 1st Grade will maintain being self-contained, project-based, and thematically driven.

MS: Monday-Thursday 8:30-12:30

- Students who are required to complete remedial work will be required to attend Achievement, which consists of both weeks during the June session.
- Achievement students will complete remedial coursework during the week of June 16th, and attend elective courses during the week of June 23rd. This design is to create an opportunity for students to engage in high-interest elective courses once they have completed remedial work and to end on a positive note.
- Students not attending Achievement will be able to follow the same structure as described above in the Elementary section and attend enrichment courses in a “Creativity Academy” setting.

HS: Monday-Thursday 8:30-12:30

- The structure at the HS will be very similar to the MS in that students who are required to complete remedial coursework will be required to attend the first two weeks of the June session.
- Students not attending Achievement will be able to sign up for a wide variety of enrichment courses.

July Session: July 7th-24th

ES: Monday-Thursday 8:30-12:30

- This three-week session will consist of students (grades 2-4) electing one core elective and two enrichment electives.
- The students will also have an opportunity to swim each day.

- Kindergarten and 1st grade will maintain being self-contained, project-based, and thematically driven each week. They will have a different teacher each week.
- The elective courses will be similar in nature to the course offerings during the June session, only with a core elective course being added. The core electives will be focused on language arts, science, and math.

MS: Monday-Thursday 8:30-12:30

- The MS July session will be structured much like the ES in that students will choose one core elective and two enrichment electives.
- They will also be able to choose between swimming/Spanish.
- Enrichment electives may include courses such as water engineering, various art courses, or PE courses.

HS: Monday-Thursday 8:30-12:30

- The HS July session will be structured much like the ES and MS. Students will choose a core elective and two enrichment electives.
- Students who attend the July session for Driver's Education will only attend coursework dedicated to Driver's Ed. They will also attend lunch at the same time as the rest of the high school students.

August Session: August 18th-22nd (MS only)

Motivation – This program is offered the week of August 18-22. The focus for this will be to prepare students to have a successful school year. The Motivation sessions are designed to offer students a positive, inviting start to their school year. The program is designed to offer 5th grade students the opportunity to transition into the middle school more effectively. Additionally, 6th, 7th and 8th grade students that have had difficulty adjusting to the school year in the past will be invited to attend. With the Motivation Program the start of the school year may be less stressful. The program has been developed to allow students to do the things that are important to them; eat lunch with their teachers, organize and decorate their lockers, and travel through their schedules.

***The criteria for students participating in 6th, 7th and 8th grade are: new students to the District, prior low academic achievement, poor attendance, prior disciplinary issues, and social needs defined by the staff.

5th Grade – All Students will be invited to participate in a two-day transition programming.

5th grade

Monday, August 18, 10am-2pm

Tuesday, August 19, 10am-2pm

6th Grade - students will be invited based on need; 20-25 per grade.

Wednesday, August 20, 10am-2pm

7th Grade - students will be invited based on need; 20-25 per grade.

Thursday, August 21, 10am-2pm

8th Grade - students will be invited based on need; 20-25 per grade.

Friday, August 22, 10am-2pm

***Throughout the summer, we will also offer elective PE courses such as Instructional Basketball, Instructional Football, Instructional Weightlifting, etc. The dates for those are currently being determined.

The school day will be broken down into the following schedule:

8:30-9:20

9:25-10:15

10:20-11:10

11:15-11:45 1st Lunch (K-3rd)

11:45-12:30 Swimming, etc.

or

11:15-12:00 Swimming, etc.

12:05-12:30 2nd Lunch (Grades 4-12)

*** We will determine classes to meet the academic needs of students. In addition, teachers will submit proposals for enrichment/elective classes. If enough students sign up, then those classes may be offered.

Swimming – Part of the daily schedule for summer school is to have all students in grades 1st – 8th take part in Red Cross swimming lessons. There are also swimming lessons offered for the second three weeks of summer school immediately following the morning sessions (beginning at 12:30) for students in grades 1-8 who didn't participate in the morning sessions.

Prairie Fire – This year we are very fortunate to be able to offer students from 2nd – 8th grades the opportunity to participate in a theatre class ending with a performance in *Beauty and the Beast*! Sessions will take place on July 14th– 18th from 12:45 – 4:45. Students will be able to attend Summer School in the morning, stay at school for the play practice and have activity buses take them home. Auditions on July 14th will allow 70 – 80 students to participate. Final performances are on July 18th and 19th– stay tuned for more details! Prairie Fire Theater will not interfere with any local festivals/celebrations.

Instrumental/Vocal Lessons: These are for students at various grade levels. They will run for three weeks during the summer at three area churches (vocal lessons may take place at the school). Mrs. Anderson/ Mr. Hammers/Mr. Hensiak will schedule students before school is dismissed for summer.

Instructional Baseball – Takes place in the three villages in June and July for boys entering in grades 3-6.

Instructional Softball – Takes place in the three villages in June and July for girls entering in grades 3-6.

Summer School Processes:

- All three buildings will present the same essential brochures regarding Summer School to promote consistency and improve marketing procedures. Slight differences will be the result of specific needs based on building level.
- This format will allow students who may usually miss out on Summer School due to scheduling to sign up for weeks that reflect their scheduling needs. The “Creativity Academy” style session in June will also create unique opportunities for both students and staff members.
- All students will complete a Survey Monkey survey regarding the possible courses. This is designed to advertise and inform students about the great opportunities during Summer School as well as to efficiently identify those high-interest courses.
- Last year, we saw an increase in Summer School FTEs as a result of some of the changes that took place. Our goal is to build on that momentum.
- As we did last year, we are partnering with the Lamar School to offer unique programming opportunities to our students such as water engineering.

All of the above activities provide a wide spectrum of activities for Unity students to participate in during the weeks the normal school year is not in session. For questions, please contact Zack Fugate at Unity Elementary 715 825-2101 ext. 3000.