ELMWOOD PARK COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #401

VIRTUAL SUMMER
LEARNING ACADEMY

General Information

Location: Online

Website: http://bit.ly/EPCUSDSLAA

Cost: Free for all EPCUSD401 students!

Apply: May 1st - May 10th

- Due to teacher availability, space is limited in each course. Currently enrolled EPCUSD401 students may apply.
- If registration exceeds the number of available spots in a class, students will be entered into a lottery drawing.

Registration:

- Based on student lottery (see above). Guardians will be notified on May 15th with student's registration status.

Student Expectations:

- Students use district-provided chromebook to attend virtual classes and complete activities on a daily basis. Information about Chromebook pick-up and drop-off will be provided after registration is finalized.
- No more than 3 days of unexcused/incomplete work will be permitted. Excessive absences may result in the student being removed from the course.

Course Options:

- K-12 Academic Courses: Looking to refine your skills as a scholar? Academic courses strengthen understanding of current grade-level content. Current students in grades K-12 can apply to enroll for specific courses. Additional information about these courses can be found on page 2.

- K-8 Interest-Based Courses: Looking for an enriching learning experience? These courses provide thematically aligned learning activities for students currently in grades K-8. Additional information can be found on pages 3-4.

- 6-12 APEX Courses: Looking for ways to accelerate your learning or for additional support in subjects that you struggle with? APEX courses meet each student's unique needs. These courses are available for students currently in grades 6-12. Additional information can be found on pages 5-6. Contact Ms. Kyleen Coia with APEX-related questions at coiak@epcusd401.org.

Contact Ms. Morgan Freeck with Summer Learning Academy-related questions or concerns at freeckm@epcusd401.org.

* Classes are subject to change based on teacher availability and student interest.
Scholastic Academy
The goal of Scholastic Academy is to reteach, reinforce, and reassess grade level skills so that students are prepared for next year’s instruction. Scholastic Academy targets the priority standards and skills for students currently in grades K-5. Students enrolled in these courses will take an end-of-the-year assessment in both math and ELA. Results from these assessments will be used to design lessons that are differentiated based on student need.

» Days: Mondays - Fridays
» 23-day courses: June 2nd - July 2nd

Platforms:
- Grades K-2 will use Seesaw
- Grades 3-5 will use Google Classroom

» Apply: Open May 1st - May 10th using the URLs below. Apply for your student's CURRENT (19-20) grade level:
  - Kindergarten: bit.ly/GKSLA20
  - 1st Grade: bit.ly/G1SLA20
  - 2nd Grade: bit.ly/G2SLA20
  - 3rd Grade: bit.ly/G3SLA20
  - 4th Grade: bit.ly/G4SLA20
  - 5th Grade: bit.ly/G5SLA20

EL Newcomer Camp
Students in grades K-12 who identify as English learners and who are new to the United States are invited to participate in this course. Students will learn about our local Elmwood Park and Chicago communities through virtual activities, discussions, and expeditions.

» Days: Mondays - Fridays
» 10-day course: June 8th - June 19th

Platforms:
- Grades K-8 will use Seesaw
- Grades 9-12 will use Google Classroom

» Apply: Open May 1st - May 10th using the following URL → bit.ly/NewcomersCamp

Extended School Year (ESY)
Students in grades K-12 qualify for ESY services based on their identified IEP goals, as well as through the recommendation of the IEP Team. Parents can register students for ESY using the form provided by the Special Education Team. If you have questions, please direct them to your student's case manager.

» Days: Mondays - Fridays
» 23-day courses: June 2nd - July 2nd
Current Students in Grades K - 2

Class: Stretch-a-Story Camp with Ms. Kanas  
Mondays - Fridays, June 2nd - July 2nd  
Apply: bit.ly/2KQ5laR

Description: Start each day with a read-aloud of an engaging children's book and then stretch out the fun with a menu of activities you can do at home! Each day students will have the opportunity to practice reading and math skills tied to our priority standards, get moving with gross motor and kinesthetic activities, explore their artistic side with open-ended art projects, and much more!

Current Students in Grades 3 - 5

Class: Virtual Road Trip with Ms. Johnson,  
Mondays - Fridays, June 8th - June 19th  
Apply: bit.ly/2xkDQmX

Description: "Travel sparks our imagination, feeds our curiosity, and reminds us how much we all have in common." — Deborah Lloyd

In this course, students will learn about our great country and all of its vast resources. We will begin at the nation's capitol, Washington, D.C. and explore some of its beauty and wonder. We will head west and explore national parks, museums, various landmarks, and odd tourist attractions. Be ready to use some of your math, science, reading, and artistic skills to learn about the beautiful United States of America!

Current Students in Grades 6-8

Class: Digital Poetry with Ms. Bartolomei  
Mondays - Fridays, June 2nd - July 2nd  
Apply: bit.ly/2yel3dp

Description: Are you a poet, but you don't know it? Poetry is a beautiful art, so come explore, learn, and write different styles of poetry. Let your creativity out and have some fun with poetry!
Current Students in Grades 6-8

**Class:** Limitless Mind Camp with Mrs. Fiorito
Mondays - Fridays, June 2nd - July 2nd
**Apply:** bit.ly/2WbExY8

**Description:** Math is limitless and found everywhere, not just in the classroom. Students will be able to communicate and collaborate with classmates virtually on various math topics. Students will be working on exciting and creative activities that they will be able to complete right from home or could have the option for them to venture outside. Lessons and activities will include videos, games, hands-on opportunities, and connections to real-world experiences.

**Class:** Some STEM Fun! with Ms. Andrews
Mondays - Fridays, June 2nd - July 2nd
**Apply:** bit.ly/2Yhras4

**Description:** This class will utilize online learning to discuss, watch, learn and explore STEM activities. Students will research a topic and explore science phenomenon, then use easily-found materials at home to create, test, and record their projects. Lastly, students will read or listen to real world situations to help bring the idea together!

**Class:** Art Around the World with Ms. Ward
Mondays - Fridays, June 8th - June 19th
**Apply:** bit.ly/2ySPs0L

**Description:** Art museums around the world have developed wonderful online tours and activities for kids. Let's explore a different museum each day, and work on related art projects. The course will include video art instruction, students will have studio time at home to complete projects, and share work during structured online group meetings.

**Class:** The Hero's Journey with Ms. Fuentes
Mondays - Fridays, June 2nd - July 2nd
**Apply:** bit.ly/2VPaE0P

**Description:** Join me on an amazing journey using elements of Greek Mythology to understand the universal theme of the Hero's Journey! A “Hero’s Journey” is a recurring pattern many heroes undergo over the course of their stories, and is recognizable in books, comics, movies, and even video games! By studying this pattern, students will better understand plot structure, examine character development, determine theme and study the subtleties of foreshadowing, irony, and other literary devices. Together, using applications like Padlet, Flipgrid, Hyperdocs, Google Meet, and Google Sides, we will have a blast! We will end by writing an original myth and sharing it in a digital gallery walk!
Courses Available for Middle School Students:

**English**
- English 6
- English 7
- English 8

**Social Studies**
- Middle School Civics
- Middle School World History
- Middle School US History

**Science**
- Science 6
- Science 7
- Science 8

**Math**
- Math 6
- Math 7
- Math 8

**Additional Elective Courses Available**
- Health
- Physical Education
- Middle School Life Science
- Middle School Physical Science
- Spanish

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Courses Available for Credit Recovery:

**English**
- Effective Writing
- English 9
- English 10
- English 11
- English 12

**Math**
- Algebra 1
- Geometry
- Algebra 2
- Financial Math
- PreCalculus

**Social Studies**
- Civics
- World History
- US History

**Science**
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Physics

Courses Available for either Credit Recovery or Credit Advancement

- Health
- Physical Education
- Consumer Education
- Driver’s Education Classroom

*No “Behind the Wheel” Instruction*

Any course listed under the following categories on the APEX website:

- World Language
- Additional Electives
- CTE

APEX COURSE CATALOG: [CLICK HERE](#)

**Apply Today:**