

Summer Learning Academy

Newton Public Schools

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Designers

Leader - Elysia Ochs, Director of Community Schools

Lead role in identifying and building relationships with strategic partners for the community schools model

Grade 3-8 afterschool (C2C) and K-8 summer programs in alignment with approved applications

Supervise program staff and conduct program orientation for staff, parents, students, and volunteers

Administration - Principals, Special Ed Director, Business Administrator, Asst to BA

Program Staff - Site Supervisors, Teachers, Assistants, Support Staff

Overview

- 30 day learning opportunity open to all students entering grades K-12 at Merriam Avenue School, Halsted Middle School, and Newton High School
- Thursday July 1 to Friday August 13 (off on July 2 and 5)
- Learning activities run Monday to Friday from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm
- Breakfast at 8:00 am and Lunch at 12:30 pm daily
- Program focus
 - Teacher-designed learning acceleration activities plus targeted interventions
 - Social-emotional learning built into the academic instruction
 - Emphasis on hands-on, project-based approaches where appropriate
- Funding already planned through local budget, Title I, and C2C will be used; additional expense to include all students to be covered through federal ESSER 2 funding

Grades K-8

- 6 Week Session for Grades K-4 at Merriam and Grades 5-8 at Halsted
- Fun Project-Based Learning Activities in Math, ELA, STEAM, and Physical Education/SEL
- Targeted Interventions Based on Formative Assessment Data
- Special Education Opportunities Beyond the Traditional Extended School Year Program

Grades 9–12

- Credit-Bearing Semester Courses for 6 weeks
 - Content-Based Programming
 - Elective Options (ex: Financial Literacy, Music Elective, Art)
- Credit Recovery for 6 weeks
- Noncredit Workshops for 2 weeks each (e.g., SAT Prep)
- Targeted Interventions Based on Formative Assessment Data
- Special Education Opportunities Beyond the Traditional Extended School Year Program

Success = Opportunity + Enrollment

- Marketing begins with an informational mailing to all families by May 5th.
- Marketing focus will be on fun activities, student interest, socialization (think of summer camp)
- Teacher videos to promote unique programming such as workshops on cooking, astronomy, gardening
- Social media postings at all schools
- Personalized program invitations
- Phone calls to families