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## Week of May 27, 2024

This Family Update provides important information about summer school, Summer Meals, summer athletics programming, opportunities and support for high school students, and resources to support families in continuing to build reading skills all year long.

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## Summer School

Each May and June, New York City Public Schools (NYCPS) teachers assess students' progress using multiple measures to determine if they are ready for the next grade level. Families of students who have **not** yet made sufficient progress will be notified via letter in **mid-June**.

If your student is in grade 3–8 and is not promoted in June, they will be required to attend summer school. If your student did not receive a Summer Rising seat, then they will attend the academic portion only. Detailed instructions on date and time will be on the letter. At the end of summer school, schools will make a final decision about students' grade levels for next year. Students in grades K–2 and 9–12 may have the opportunity to attend summer school as well.

For more information, please visit [schools.nyc.gov/summerschool](https://schools.nyc.gov/summerschool).

## Summer Meals

When school is out, students can still enjoy free breakfast and lunch through NYC Public Schools! Our 2024 Free Summer Meals Program is available all across New York City, and is totally free for anyone 18

years old or younger. From **June 27 through August 30**, you can find these meals at select NYC public schools, community pool centers, parks, and libraries. You don't need to sign up in advance or provide identification to receive these meals. Just head to a Summer Meals location and enjoy a meal. For more information, please visit [schools.nyc.gov/summermeals](https://schools.nyc.gov/summermeals).

All dates, times, locations and menus are subject to change.

- Dates of Operation: Thursday, June 27–Friday, August 30, 2024
- Breakfast Service Hours: 8–9:15 a.m.
- Lunch Service Hours: 11 a.m.–1:15 p.m.
- There is **no service** Thursday, July 4, 2024 (Independence Day)

## **Public Schools Athletic League (PSAL) High School Summer Program**

Get ready for summer sports! This summer, NYC high school students can enjoy free athletic training, fitness and conditioning, sports-specific skill development, and recreation activities at select high school sites across the five boroughs. The Public Schools Athletic League (PSAL) High School Summer Sports, Fitness, and Recreation program will run daily **Monday to Thursday** from **3:00– 6:00 p.m.**, beginning July 10 and ending on August 13. To provide students choice of sports/activities throughout the summer, there will be two sessions:

Session 1: Wednesday, July 10 – Thursday, July 25

Session 2: Monday, July 29 – Tuesday, August 13

This program is open to all NYC students entering grades 9–12 in the fall of 2024. Students do not need to attend school at their chosen school site during the regular school year to participate in a PSAL summer program at that site. Students can find program details and register for the summer 2024 program at [psal.org/events-and-standings/summer.aspx](https://psal.org/events-and-standings/summer.aspx) beginning **June 3**.

Space is limited at the individual sites. **Please select only one site and one program for a given SESSION.** Once registration has been submitted, the parent or guardian listed will be notified via email if the student is approved for the site and program selected. In the event that the chosen site and program are at capacity, students are encouraged to register for another site/program.

## **Summer Learning Opportunities**

### **CUNY College Now**

For the 2024 summer semester, CUNY College Now will be offering a mix of online, hybrid, and in-person courses open to NYC public high school students entering grades 11 or 12 in September 2024. Participation is free. For more information, visit [k16.cuny.edu/collegenow/summer-programs](https://k16.cuny.edu/collegenow/summer-programs).

### **Summer Design Institute**

High School students looking for a hands-on learning experience (with opportunity to earn a stipend) are invited to apply for NYCPS' Summer Design Institute at one of our Career and Technical Education (CTE)

sites. These six-week programs offer students the opportunity to work on projects alongside industry partners in fields like Computer Science, Engineering, Media Arts, Advertising and Digital Design, Game Design, and Fashion Design. Students who successfully complete their projects are eligible for stipends. CTE and non-CTE students are welcome. Please view the program flyer in English and translation for more information about each school's programs and application process: [bit.ly/4bX54NV](https://bit.ly/4bX54NV)

### **College and Career Advising**

High school students can sign up for College and Career Advising Texts at [schools.nyc.gov/choosing-the-right-path](https://schools.nyc.gov/choosing-the-right-path) to receive text messages each week to help them plan and pursue their future. Texts include links to youth employment opportunities, scholarship information, access to workshops, and deadline reminders. For additional support, College and Career Advising can also connect students with access to free, one-on-one virtual meetings with expert advisors after school and on weekends. Students graduating in 2024 can use College and Career Advising Texts to connect with their College and Career Bridge Coach, a current college student trained to help recent graduates navigate the transition between high school and the next stages in their college and career pathways. Learn more at [schools.nyc.gov/choosing-the-right-path](https://schools.nyc.gov/choosing-the-right-path).

### **Summer Reading**

Reading is like any skill: it takes practice! Over the summer, reading together can help your child continue to develop their literacy skills and avoid any learning loss that might occur over their time outside of the classroom.

Our **Summer Reading Guide**—available online at [schools.nyc.gov/LiteracyResources](https://schools.nyc.gov/LiteracyResources)—is a great first step on your family's next reading adventure. It contains tips for reading at home, recommended titles for students in all grade levels, resources where you can find books, and more. In addition to the guide, our Literacy Resources webpage also features at-home activities and other recommended reading lists that will help foster a lifelong love of reading and learning.

This summer, we also encourage you to use our Citywide Digital Library, **Sora**. Sora is the quickest and easiest way for NYC students to access thousands of e-books and audiobooks in multiple languages. You can log in to Sora using your NYC Public School credentials at [soraapp.com/library/nycschools](https://soraapp.com/library/nycschools).