

# Summer in the City FAQ

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## General Summer in the City Questions

### What is Summer in the City?

Summer in the City offers a variety of FREE and exciting opportunities for students through its Summer Academy programs and Summer School.

- Summer Academy programs are enrichment opportunities for students who are not required to attend Summer School. All students can benefit from the Summer Academy programs, which are designed to offer engaging, hands-on learning and ensure families have access to free, quality programming for their students during the summer.
- Summer School offers students the opportunity to improve their readiness for the next grade-level by receiving targeted instruction and learning from engaging reading and math curriculum. If a student does not meet the promotion standards for their grade, the school will notify their family that they are recommended for Summer School in June. Questions about student promotion should be directed to your student’s Principal.

### Who teaches Summer in the City programs?

All Summer in the City programs are taught by DOE-certified teachers and provide high-quality, engaging instruction and activities. Every Summer in the City site also has a DOE administrator overseeing programming.

### When does Summer in the City start and what times do programs operate?

Summer in the City’s Calendar	Date
Schools notify families about <b>promotion decisions</b> and if students are recommended for Summer School	June 2019
<b>Summer School registration opens</b> for non-public school, charter, new-resident, temporary-resident, and non-resident students	June 12th – 26th, and July 2nd 2019
<b>First instructional day for high school students</b> enrolled in Summer School	Monday, July 1, 2019
<b>First instructional day for Summer Academy programs and elementary and middle school students</b> enrolled in Summer School	Tuesday, July 2, 2019
Independence Day Observed	Thursday, July 4, 2019 (schools closed)
<b>Last instructional day for elementary and middle school students</b>	Thursday, August 8, 2019
<b>Last instructional day for high school students</b>	Friday, August 9, 2019
Eid Al-Adha Observed	Monday, August 12, 2019
<b>Regents exams</b>	August 13-14, 2019
Schools notify families about their student’s <b>promotion decision</b>	Mid-August, 2019

**Days and Times:**

- **Elementary and Middle School:** Operate Monday-Thursday; Summer School runs from 8:30 AM to 2:30 PM and Summer Academy times vary by program
- **High School:** Operates Monday-Friday, but course times vary by location.

**Does my student receive transportation?**

Students qualifying for transportation during the school year will also receive transportation services for Summer in the City programming. Free transportation is provided depending on students' grade level and the distance between their residence and school. Learn more about transportation services by visiting the Office of Pupil Transportation's website at [schools.nyc.gov/school-life/transportation](https://schools.nyc.gov/school-life/transportation).

**Are meals provided?**

All students enrolled in Summer in the City will receive free breakfast and lunch. Free summer meals are also available to all children ages 18 and under at participating schools, pools, parks, or libraries, near you. No identification, registration, or other information is required. To find the nearest location, please call 311 or go online to download the SchoolFood Feed Your Mind app or text "NYCMEALS" to 877-877 (message and data rates may apply).

## Summer Academy Questions

### Why should I enroll my students in Summer Academy programs?

Research shows students experience “summer learning loss” and that it can take months in the fall for students to get back to the level they were at when school dismissed in June. Summer in the City programs are a way families can prevent “summer slide” and ensure students have an exciting summer and return to school in the fall ready to succeed.

### How do families apply for the Summer Academy programs?

Summer Academy **applications open March 18<sup>th</sup>** and limited seats are available. Families should contact their Principal or Parent Coordinator to request a seat or learn more about the programming available. Specific enrollment information for each Summer Academy program can be found by visiting: [schools.nyc.gov/summer](https://schools.nyc.gov/summer) and clicking on the the Summer Academy page.

### Who can enroll in the Summer Academy programs?

All NYC students attending district schools are welcome to enroll in Summer in the City’s programs, including students who are learning English or receive special services. Extended-School-Year, Related Services and D75 summer programs are also available for students depending on their IEP.

At this time, Summer Academy programs are reserved for students who attend NYC district schools and programming is not available for students who attend non-public schools or charters. However, you may want to check out the programs offered by the NYC Department of Youth and Community Development. You can find more information about their programs by visiting <https://www1.nyc.gov/site/dycd/index.page>.

### Are there programs for students currently enrolled in pre-k and kindergarten?

At this time, Summer in the City does not provide programming for students in 3-k or pre-k. Students currently enrolled in kindergarten at a participating Community School can apply for its five-week Community Schools Elementary Summer Academy program. STEM Matters also offers a one-week program for kindergartners. You can learn more about these programs by visiting [schools.nyc.gov/summer](https://schools.nyc.gov/summer).

**NEW THIS YEAR!** Summer in the City is expanding and launching programming for students currently enrolled in the 1<sup>st</sup> grade. Students will participate in play-based learning and recreation, giving them a jumpstart on the next grade.

### How do I know if my student has a seat in a Summer Academy program?

Schools will notify families in May to confirm enrollment in the following programs:

- First and Second Grade Summer Academy
- Multilingual Learners Academy
- The Community Schools Elementary Summer Academy

If you have a question about whether your student is enrolled, contact their Principal or Parent Coordinator.

STEM Summer in the City and STEM Matters will notify families of the lottery results by email in May. Families will be told whether their student has a spot in the program or is on the waiting list.

### Where are the Summer Academy programs located?

During the summer months, the DOE opens select schools to offer Summer in the City programming. Each school selects a site where it will send its students during the summer for Summer Academy programs. To find out where your school is located this summer, contact your school's Principal.

Locations for the STEM Summer in the City and Community Schools Elementary Summer Academy programs will be available in March. You can find a list of these sites by visiting [schools.nyc.gov/summer](https://schools.nyc.gov/summer) and clicking on the Summer Academy page.

## Summer School Questions

### How do I know if my student needs to attend Summer School?

With a NYC Schools Account, parents or guardians can view their student's promotion decisions, grades, and assessments in ten languages on a computer, phone, or tablet. If you already have an NYC Schools Account, visit <http://mystudent.nyc> to login. To register for an NYC Schools Account, visit your school or register online at [https://www.schools.nyc.gov/school-life/support/nyc-schools-account-\(nycsa\)](https://www.schools.nyc.gov/school-life/support/nyc-schools-account-(nycsa)). You can also learn more about the DOE's promotion policy by visiting <https://www.schools.nyc.gov/school-life/policies-for-all/promotion-policy>.

- **Promotion (Grades K-8)**

- Principals make promotion decisions based on students' progress in English language arts (ELA) and math. Schools use multiple measures to determine if students have mastered the content and skills they need to be successful in the next grade level.
- Schools complete promotion portfolios for students who may not be ready for the next grade level. Promotion portfolios consist of student work and assessments from throughout the school year. If a student's promotion portfolio shows that the student has not yet met promotion benchmarks, the student will not be promoted in June. Students who are not promoted in June must attend summer school in order to be promoted to the next grade.
- Families will receive a letter in June if their child was not promoted to the next grade level and is mandated to attend summer school. This letter will include the summer school start date and location.
- If you would like to know if your child has been scheduled for summer school classes, you may contact the Parent Coordinator or the Principal at your child's school.

- **Promotion (Grades 9-12)**

- Principals make promotion decisions based on students' accumulation of credits and passing the Regents exams.
- Families will receive a letter in June if their student was not promoted to the next grade level and is mandated to attend summer school. This letter will include the summer school start date and location.
- If you would like to know if your child has been scheduled for summer school classes, you may contact the parent coordinator or the principal at your child's school.
- High school students have the opportunity to take Regents exams on August 16 and 17.

### How will I know if my child has been promoted to the next grade after Summer School?

Schools will review students' work from the school year along with their Summer School work and assessments. This review will determine if students have demonstrated their readiness for the next grade level.

You will receive promotion decision letters in mid-August. This letter will include your student's grade level for the next school year. If you have concerns with the promotion decision, instructions for how to appeal the decision will be included in your student's promotion letter. The superintendent will review the appeal and make the final decision about your student's grade level.

## Will my child be required to take a test during Summer School?

Elementary and middle school students will not be required to take a test in August at the end of Summer School. High school students have the opportunity to take Regents exams in August.

## How do I enroll my student in Summer School?

You will receive a letter informing you of where and when Summer School will be held if your child attends a New York City public school and is recommended to attend Summer School. Sign the form indicating that your child will attend summer school and return it to your child's school. Families can choose to attend a summer school location close to where they live during the summer.

New York City public school students receive first priority for Summer School enrollment. All other applicants will be admitted on a first-come, first-served basis, subject to seat availability.

Summer School registration is open **June 12<sup>th</sup> to June 26<sup>th</sup>**, and on the first day of SITC. Students and their parent or guardian should register in-person at the Summer School site they plan to attend. Emancipated students do not need a guardian to register.

Use the resources below to determine what documentation is required to register:

- **New residents** of New York City are eligible to attend summer school tuition-free if they provide proper residency documentation and meet eligibility criteria. This also applies to **temporary residents** of New York City who are visiting for the summer (and are not currently registered in the NYC public school system and will not be enrolled for the 2018-19 school year.) Enrollment takes place in person at the school the student wishes to attend from June 12<sup>th</sup> to June 26<sup>th</sup>, and on the first day of SITC. Parents or guardians must provide a copy of the student's report card or transcript from the student's current or former school (if available). Emancipated students can provide those records themselves (if available).
- **Non-public (e.g., private/parochial school students) and charter school** students are eligible to attend if they meet eligibility criteria and register in person at any open school in their district. The parent or guardian (or emancipated student, if applicable) must review and complete an enrollment application form and bring a copy of the report card and/or transcript (if available) to the district school for registration. The enrollment form will be provided by the student's home school. It must be signed by the principal of the student's home school. Applicants can register from June 12<sup>th</sup> to June 26<sup>th</sup>, and on the first day of SITC.
- **Non-residents** (students who do not reside in New York City) are eligible to attend Summer School if they meet eligibility criteria, pay tuition, and if there are available seats in the school program selected. You can find the enrollment application online by visiting [schools.nyc.gov/summer](https://schools.nyc.gov/summer) and clicking on the Summer School page.
  - Families should contact their student's school to find out information about available seats for summer school.
  - If seats are available, the registering parent should send the signed application form, along with payment to:

Bureau of Non-Public School Payables  
Attn: Brenda Antoine  
65 Court Street, Room 1001  
Brooklyn, NY 11201

### Is my child entitled to receive accommodations in Summer School?

Students with Individualized Education Programs (IEPs), students with approved 504 Plans, and English Language Learners (ELLs) are entitled to receive the same accommodations in summer school as they received during the school year based on their IEP, 504 Plan or their entitlement.

For more information about ELL testing accommodations, email [dellss@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:dellss@schools.nyc.gov). Families of students requiring special education services should check with their student's IEP team for more information, or email [specialeducation@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:specialeducation@schools.nyc.gov).