

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.

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.

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 students 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).

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

Summer in the City's Calendar	Date
Schools notify families about promotion decisions and if students are recommended for Summer School	June 2020
Summer School registration opens for non-public school, charter, new-resident, temporary-resident, and non-resident students	June 2020
First instructional day for high school students enrolled in Summer School (Monday – Friday, course times vary by location)	Wednesday, July 1, 2020 (school closed Friday, July 3 rd)
Extended School Year, Related Services and Chapter 683 students receiving services (Monday – Friday; ESY/RS 8:30 AM to 2:30PM & Chapter 683 8:10 AM to 2:40 PM)	Thursday, July 2, 2020
First instructional day for Summer Academy programs and elementary and middle school students enrolled in Summer School (Monday – Thursday; from 8:30AM to 2:30PM)	Monday, July 6, 2020
Eid Al-Adha Observed	Friday, July 31, 2020
Last instructional day for elementary and middle school students	Tuesday, August 11, 2020
Last instructional day for high school students	Wednesday, August 12, 2020
Last instructional day for Extended School Year, Related Services and Chapter 683	Thursday, August 13, 2020
Regents exams	August 13-14, 2020
Schools notify families about their student's promotion decision	Mid-August, 2020

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 10th** 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 and clicking on the the Summer Academy page.

Who can enroll in the Summer Academy programs?

All DOE students are welcome to enroll in Summer in the City’s programs, including students who receive special education services. Extended-School-Year, Related Services and D75 summer programs are also available for students with those recommendations on their IEP. Learn more about the Special Education services available this summer by talking to your student’s Principal or visiting the [Special Education Services page](#).

At this time, NYC district students are prioritized for Summer Academy programs. NYC charter students can be offered seats after district students subject to availability. Non-public school students are not eligible. 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 [DYCD’s website](#).

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

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 current pre-K and kindergartners. You can learn more about these programs by visiting schools.nyc.gov/summer.

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 Academy and STEM Matters will notify families of the lottery results by email in late April 2020. 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 Academy 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 and clicking on the Summer Academy page.

Summer School Questions

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

With an 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, use the [login page](#). To register for an NYC Schools Account, visit your school or register [online](#).

Learn more about the DOE's [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 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 student has been scheduled for summer school classes, you may contact the Parent Coordinator or the Principal at your student'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 student has been scheduled for summer school classes, you may contact the parent coordinator or the principal at your student's school.
- High school students have the opportunity to take Regents exams on August 13 and 14.

How will I know if my student 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 student 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 student attends a New York City public school and is recommended to attend Summer School. Sign the form indicating that your student will attend summer school and return it to your student'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 2020**, 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 2020-21 school year.) Enrollment takes place in person at the school the student wishes to attend in June, 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 in June, 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 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 student 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. Families of students requiring special education services should check with their student's IEP team for more information, or email specialeducation@schools.nyc.gov.