



THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PHILADELPHIA

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Dear School District of Philadelphia Community,

It is with great pleasure that I inform you of the 2019 summer opportunities available to our students. This year, we have the resources available to provide summer enrichment and credit recovery opportunities for students. Below are details for the available programs:

General Information for All Programs

- All students are expected to adhere the Student Code of Conduct during all summer programs, with appropriate consequences for those students who do not meet behavior expectations.
- All students are expected to attend the program every day as offered.

Office of High School Strategy

11 & 12 Grade Center (Credit Recovery)

Students can remediate no more than two (2) credit recovery classes. These credit recovery courses are offered to 11 and 12 grade students enrolled in The School District of Philadelphia as indicated in the Student Information System (SIS).

Summer Bridge

The Princeton Review will offer programs for rising 9th grade students within a four-week transition program structure, designed to improve student retention and graduation rates by developing non-academic skills such as goal setting, leadership, time management, and community building.

GEAR UP Internship Program

The GEAR UP Internship program is a six-week program for rising 11th and 12th grade students. Students are placed in internships across a variety of corporate partners to gain work experience and develop professionally. Students will also engage in a college readiness component on Fridays.

Extended School Year (ESY)

Extended School Year (ESY) provides special education and related services to students with disabilities beyond the regular 180-day school year. The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), the federal special education law, says that school districts, intermediate units, and charter schools, must provide extended school year services if a student needs these services to receive a free appropriate public education (FAPE). In some cases, interruptions in the school schedule, such as summer break, will result in children with disabilities losing many of their basic skills and taking a long time to get those skills back once school begins again. ESY services are provided during breaks in the educational schedule to prevent this loss.

English Learner Summer Program

The English Learner Summer Program is for English Learners (ELs) currently in grades 5 to 7 (rising 6 to 8 graders) who are new to the country (less than 3 years). The morning program will include instruction in English and Math taught by School District of Philadelphia teachers. The afternoon program includes enrichment courses in subjects such as Art, Music, and Drama. These courses will be facilitated by community-based organizations. Transportation will be provided by a school bus or a Transpass for students who live more than 1.5 miles from the site.

Parkway Center City Middle College Programs

Parkway Summer Bridge

The purpose of Summer Bridge is to provide students with a jumpstart on their 9 grade year. The school is becoming a middle college high school and the bridge program will help prepare them for the rigorous coursework that they will be taking on. Students will take a college course in the morning and come back to the school in the afternoon to work with teachers.

Parkway Accuplacer Enrichment

The Accuplacer Enrichment Program will support current 9 grade students in developing skills needed to successfully pass the Accuplacer Placement Exam at Community College of Philadelphia. The Summer Accuplacer Enrichment Program is geared towards all students in the 9 grade who have not placed at college level in either Math or Reading or both. This summer opportunity will further enhance and reinforce their education from the previous year, as well as support their needs as they prepare for the placement test.

Career Technical Education (CTE) Summer Employability

The School District of Philadelphia, through The Office of Career and Technical Education, will provide summer employment and enrichment opportunities for high school students between 14 and 18 years of age. The Career and Technical Education (CTE) Summer Employment Program is an innovative program that affords CTE students, who currently attend Philadelphia Public Schools, the opportunity to gain valuable work experiences and develop tangible skills that can be used in the

workplace. The summer employment program is an extension of the curriculum that career and technical education students learn throughout the school year. This opportunity allows students to receive real life hands-on experience that cannot be learned in the classroom.

All-City Summer Orchestra Collaborative

All-City Summer Orchestra Collaborative partners the School District of Philadelphia, Mann Music Center, Philadelphia Orchestra, and Project 440. The collaborative serves to accelerate advancing instrumental music students throughout the summer, providing sectional, ensemble rehearsal, and high level orchestral music performance opportunities. Additionally, this program serves to connect advancing middle school students to the district-wide high school programs. All-City programs incorporate the most developed and committed instrumental music students from across the district.

Out of School Time (OST) Programs

The School District of Philadelphia hosts many out-of-school time programs during the school year that are operated by non-profit organizations. In the summer months, the majority of these programs operate as six-week summer camps providing full-day programming each weekday. These programs usually recruit and serve students from their host school.

Questions regarding any of the above programs should be addressed to your child's principal. Thank you, and we look forward to serving Philadelphia students this summer.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Shawn Bird". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'S'.

Shawn Bird, Ed.D.
Chief Schools Officer