

Lafourche Summer Academy

Frequently Asked Questions

Where will my child attend the Summer Academy?

We have identified locations throughout the district that may serve as tentative sites – in the Thibodaux, Raceland, Bayou Blue, Lockport, and Galliano / Cut Off areas – and will have separate locations for elementary and middle school students. Students will be assigned to locations based on their upcoming school assignments and addresses. We want the locations to be convenient for families and will have sites identified by April 30th!

What options are available for families? Does my child need to attend everyday? Can my child attend on a part-time basis or does he or she have to attend all day throughout the four weeks?

Lafourche Summer Academy registration will be available until June 1st. Families can choose the days, weeks, and times that the student will attend. For example, a family can choose for a student to attend for one week on a part-time basis in the mornings or for children to attend full-time (from 8 to 3, Monday through Thursday) for only 2 weeks.

Can my child arrive late or be picked up early? What happens if my child is absent from the program?

Although we will take attendance each morning, children are not penalized in any way for absences, tardies, or early checkouts. If a family's plans change, and students need to stop attending, we absolutely understand! Our goal is to accommodate - to the best of our ability - our families and our community.

Is bus transportation provided for my child? Is parent pick-up allowed? Can I carpool with other families?

Bus transportation is available for all children who are attending our program from 8 am to 3 pm. Parents are able to pick up and drop off students as needed. If

parents wish for their child to carpool with other families, please notify the site coordinator of your plans so that we may make arrangements.

Is there before or after care available for my child?

We do not offer before care but elementary sites may offer after care for a minimal fee to cover the cost of the program. We will send out more information about available after care programs if we have enough students who wish to take advantage of that service.

Is my child required to wear a uniform? What is the dress code for the Summer Academy?

Children attending the summer program are expected to dress appropriately. However, uniforms are not required. We will provide all children with one Summer Academy t-shirt; however, students can also wear school spirit shirts or uniform shirts with appropriate bottoms. Because of the nature of the afternoon program, we ask students to wear athletic shoes. Academy t-shirts will be available for purchase, but this is not required. Students are asked to bring his or her school issued ID to the academy each day for safety reasons.

Who is able to sign up for the Summer Academy?

All Lafourche Parish public school students who will be attending K through 8 during the 2021-22 school year may participate. Unfortunately, we are not able to accommodate private or charter school students through this program.

Will the children follow COVID guidelines while participating in the program (social distancing, masking for grades 3 to 8, enhanced cleaning)?

We will continue to follow COVID-19 guidelines throughout the summer. Younger students will be assigned groups and older students (3 to 8) will be required to wear masks. Our custodial staff will use enhanced cleaning measures, and students will be required to socially distance to the extent possible while on our campuses.

What if my child becomes ill? What are the procedures? Will the procedures be the same as schools use during the school year?

Summer Academy locations will have nurses on campus to care for students who may require medication or have special needs. Our staff will follow the procedures established during the school year for students who may become ill. Please refer to the *My Child is Ill* handout on the LPSD website for more information.

Does my child need a school bag or supplies? How much will the Summer Academy cost?

Our Summer Academy is free for all LPSD students in grades K to 8 for the upcoming school year. Students are NOT required to bring supplies, school bags, or money.

Can I choose the site that my child will attend the Summer Academy?

We want our program to meet the needs of our students and their families. If a student requests to attend our Summer Academy at a separate location, we will make every effort to accommodate these requests.

If we need to change our attendance dates and times or if we need to add days, is this allowed?

Yes, families can change their attendance dates or add days if they wish. To do this, parents or guardians should contact the site coordinator.

Will this program allow my child to be promoted to the next grade?

Unfortunately, no. This is an academic enrichment program and will not enable retained students to be promoted to the next grade. However, our program will enable students to better prepare for the upcoming school year through small group instruction in ELA and math. We will also offer learning opportunities in science and social studies.

Will my child take tests or receive grades for their participation in the Summer Academy?

This program is a fun learning experience for our students, and although learning will take place, we will not assign grades or give tests! Students may have some fun summer “homework” but it will not be collected or graded.

What will my child's schedule look like each week?

At each grade level, our students will be offered different academic, co-curricular and extracurricular opportunities. However, a sample schedule may be as follows: in grades K-2, students will enjoy breakfast in our cafeteria while our older students report directly to our learning centers. After a team building activity, teachers will present a variety of hands-on activities for students in ELA, math, science, and social studies. At 11:30 students will have lunch in the cafeteria and will be able to have some free play time. We will then schedule presentations and activities for the entire student population! In the afternoons, students will participate in arts and crafts, music, theater, sports (various types offered), and the like.

Will my child be able to take his or her work home?

Children will be able to take his or her work home with them at a time determined by the teacher.

What will my child be expected to do? What are the Summer Academy rules?

Students will be expected to follow all of the expectations as outlined in the student code of conduct. If a student violates these expectations, the site coordinator will contact the parents and will assign appropriate consequences if needed.