

# 2017 Summer Services Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

## 1. Where can I find information about the 2017 Summer Services Program?

For information regarding the 2017 Summer Services Program, please visit your child's school. Also, the Summer Services' website, <http://summerschool.dadeschools.net>, contains in-depth information and resources about the program.

### Eligibility

## 2. Who is eligible for summer?

### **Elementary:**

- Retained Grade 3 students
- Rising Grade 3 students whose names are listed on the 2017 Summer Services Eligibility Roster for Rising 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Students (students scored below 50<sup>th</sup> percentile on the Stanford Achievement Test Tenth Edition (SAT-10)).

### **Middle:**

- Grade 8 Students who received one failing grade in Mathematics, Language Arts, Social Studies or Science, may take up to one course to facilitate promotion. For students failing two courses, please speak to your child's counselor to check for virtual school eligibility.
- Grade 7 students, based on space availability
- Grade 6 students who have failed World History

### **Senior:**

- Students in grades 9 – 12 may enroll in a variety of educational, recreational, cultural, social, and enrichment courses, including course credit recovery and promotion/graduation, as appropriate, offered through the Adult/Community Education Centers. Information about Adult/Community Education Programs may be found at <http://adulted.dadeschools.net>, or you may contact the Adult/Community Education office at 305 995-7662.

### **Extended School Year (ESY):**

- Students with disabilities, ages 3 to 21, who have an Individual Educational Plan (IEP) may be eligible for ESY services, even if other 2017 Summer Services Program eligibility criteria are not met. ESY services include special education and related services provided beyond the regular 180-day school year through the Individual Educational Plan (IEP) process. The determination of whether a student receives ESY Services, the type of services, and the duration and frequency of services is an individual decision made by the IEP Team.

## **Summer School Dates/Hours**

### **3. What are the 2017 Summer School Program Dates?**

Wednesday, July 5, 2017 to Tuesday, August 1, 2017

**ELEMENTARY** – Twenty (20) full days

**MIDDLE** – Twenty (20) half days

### **4. What are the 2017 Summer School Program Hours for Students?**

**Elementary Schools and K-8 Centers** (Retained Grade 3 and Rising Grade 3 Students only) – 8:35 a.m. – 1:50 p.m.

**K-8 Centers** (Grades 6 - 8 Students) – 8:35 a.m. – 11:35 a.m.

**Middle Schools** (Grades 6 - 8 Students) – 9:20 a.m. – 12:20 p.m.

#### **Length of School Day for Extended School Year (ESY) Students**

**Elementary Schools** (Pre-K to Grade 5) – 8:35 a.m. – 1:50 p.m.

**ESE Center Schools** (Pre-K to Grade 12) – 8:35 a.m. – 1:50 p.m.

**Middle Schools** (Grade 6 to 12) – 9:20 a.m. – 12:20 p.m.

### **5. How many days are students allowed to be absent?**

Students are allowed to have two (2) excused absences.

**Note:** If the first day of actual attendance is Thursday, July 6, 2017, only one excused absence is allowed.

If the first day of actual attendance is Friday, July 7, 2017 (must be registered by Thursday, July 6, 2017), zero days of excused absence is allowed.

## **Open Instructional Summer Centers**

### **6. Where is the list of schools open for the 2017 Summer Program?**

The list of Open Instructional Summer Centers is posted on the Summer Services website under the “2017 Implementation Doc.” link, located on the left-hand vertical navigation menu ([click here](#)). Also, the list is posted on the “Summer Services Parent Informational Page”, located at the bottom of the main page ([click here](#)).

### **7. Can a charter school student attend summer school if his/her charter school is not having a summer program?**

Yes, eligible charter school students of Charter Schools not open for summer may attend a traditional school for 2017 Summer Services. Charter school students are required to attend the summer center serving the M-DCPS home school, based on the

student's home address. If the residence school is closed for the summer, the student will attend the designated clustered or receiving site.

**8. Where does a charter school student with disabilities attend summer school if his/her charter school is not having a summer program?**

Students with disabilities that are eligible for ESY services, per their IEP, should attend the ESY location based on their actual residence and not the location of the Charter School that the student attends during the 10-month school year.

**9. Is Summer School mandatory?**

No. It is highly recommended for students that meet eligibility criteria.

**Registration**

**10. When and where do students register?**

The registration process begins on **May 30, 2017**, for Elementary and Middle Schools and it ends **July 6, 2017**. From May 30, 2017 to June 9, 2017, registration is at the home school. From June 12, 2017 to July 6, 2017 registration is at the Open Instructional Summer Center. Students are required to attend the Open Instructional Summer Center serving their actual residence. **Note:** If the legal residence school is closed for the summer, the student will attend the open Instructional Summer Center designated as a clustered or receiving open Instructional Summer Center.

**11. When and where do I register my charter school student for the 2017 Summer Services program?**

Registration for charter school students will be conducted at the Open Instructional Summer Centers during the period of Monday, June 12, 2017 through Thursday, July 6, 2017. Parents/guardians of eligible 3<sup>rd</sup> grade charter school students must obtain the *2017 Summer School Registration Form for Retained/Rising Grade 3 Charter School Students* from their school, in order to register at the designated Open Instructional Summer Center. **Only students whose parents/guardians come to the designated Open Instructional Summer Center with the registration form will be registered.** Parents/guardians of eligible 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students who do not have the Summer School Registration Form will be required to contact the Charter School Support Office at 305 995-1403.

**12. Can an out-of-county or out-of-state student attend summer school?**

Yes, a student whose parent or legal guardian is not a resident of Miami-Dade County or of Florida may participate in Summer Services; however, the following conditions must be met:

- The student must meet the same eligibility criteria as resident students; this eligibility must be verified by the principal. The student must provide an official academic record or a written statement from the principal of his/her school.

- Students initially entering M-DCPS must provide the school with the documents described in the ***Initial Entry Registration Procedures for Elementary and Middle Schools, 2016-17.***

For additional information, please contact the Federal and State Compliance Office at 305 883-5323.

## **Magnet**

### **13. Can a magnet school student attend summer school if the magnet school is not having a summer program?**

Yes, any student enrolled in a magnet school, who is eligible to participate in 2017 Summer Services, is required to attend the Open Instructional Summer Center that corresponds to the school that the student attends during the regular school year.

## **Alternative Assessment for Grade Three Promotion (AAGTP)**

### **14. When is the Grade 3 Alternate Assessment Test given?**

Retained third grade students will participate in the summer administration of the Alternative Assessment for Grade 3 Promotion on July 27 and July 28, 2017.

### **15. Does a child have to attend summer school in order to take the Grade 3 Alternate Assessment Test?**

No, however, eligible students will have to pre-register by the deadline of July 25, 2017, to participate in the administration of the AAGTP. It is highly recommended that parents contact their child's home school immediately upon notification of failure to register for the Grade 3 Alternative Assessment Test.

## **Online Program Offerings**

### **16. Is eLearning Toolbox available to all students?**

For a sixth year in a row, the District will provide links to online applications, tools, and games that students can access 24/7, via the Student Portal, from any place with internet connectivity. These resources will allow students in grades K-12 to practice and apply what they learned during the school year and to explore new concepts. Content will include district-licensed applications, as well as new resources made available exclusively for summer 2017.

## **Transportation**

### **17. Is my child eligible for transportation?**

Transportation for the 2017 Summer Services Program will be provided to the following students:

- 1) **Extended School Year (ESY)** students with disabilities, who have a requirement in their IEP for transportation for ESY as a related service, will receive transportation in

accordance with the requirements of their IEP. Refer to Section II for ESY special transportation procedures.

- 2) Students who are eligible for the regular 2017 Summer Services Program will receive transportation as follows:
- Students with disabilities will receive transportation in accordance with the requirements of their IEP.
  - If the student's IEP does **not** require specialized transportation services, then the student shall receive transportation on the same basis as regular education students.
  - Regular education students and special needs students who do **not** require specialized transportation services, and who live **less** than two (2) miles from their assigned summer school, **WILL NOT** receive transportation.
  - All regular education students and special needs students who do **not** require specialized transportation services, and who live **more** than two (2) miles from their assigned summer school, will be eligible to ride shuttle buses from their home school, when the home school is closed for the summer, to their assigned open summer center. Parents are responsible to get their student to and from the home school in order for them to ride the shuttle bus, regardless of the distance the residence is from the school.
  - **Students attending classes at their home school for the summer session will not receive transportation, regardless of the distance they live from the school.**

## **Summer Camp**

### **18. Will there be a summer camp at my child's school?**

**Before/After School Programs** are offered at elementary school and middle school locations through the Office of Community Education and Before/After School Programs. During the summer (6/12/17 through 8/18/17), approximately 80 locations will offer full-day fee-supported summer camps and fee-supported before and after school programs. A list of the 2017 **Summer Camp sites** is currently posted on the Summer Services website under the "2017 Implementation Doc." link, located on the left-hand vertical navigation menu ([click here](#)). Also, the list is posted on the "Summer Services Parent Informational Page," located at the bottom of the main page ([click here](#)).

For additional information, please contact the Office of Community Education and Before/After School Programs at 305 817-0014, Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

## **Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten Education (VPK) Program**

### **19. Are VPK students eligible for summer?**

Children eligible to participate in the summer program are those entering kindergarten for the 2017-2018 school year, and have never attended a 2016-2017 public or private VPK program. The M-DCPS Summer Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) Program is from June 12 to August 7, 2017, 7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. The program will be housed at the following three locations:

Location #	Summer VPK Center	Address
5021	Ben Sheppard Elementary School	5700 W. 24 <sup>th</sup> Avenue Hialeah, Florida 33016
2041	Benjamin Franklin K-8 Center	13100 N.W. 12 <sup>th</sup> Avenue North Miami, Florida 33168
4651	Ethel F. Beckford/Richmond Primary Learning Center	16929 S.W. 104 <sup>th</sup> Avenue Miami, Florida 33157

- Parents must obtain a Certificate of Eligibility (COE) online at the Early Learning Coalition of Miami-Dade/Monroe website: [www.vpkhelp.org](http://www.vpkhelp.org) or in person at an Early Learning Coalition Eligibility Service Center. The centers' locations are as follow:

**Central Service Center** – United Way Ansin Building – 3250 S.W. 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Miami, Florida 33129.

**North Service Center** – Golden Glades Office Park – 1515 N.W. 167<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 320, Miami Gardens, Florida 33169.

**South Service Center** – The Centre at Cutler Bay Condominiums – 18951 S.W. 106<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Unit B-208, Miami, Florida 33157.

- Parents must present a COE for the 2016-2017 school year for children who turned 4 years old on or before September 1, 2016. Children attending the program are entering kindergarten for the 2017-2018 school year and have never attended a 2016-2017 public or private VPK program.
- Parents must present complete school registration documents.
- For additional information regarding the VPK Summer Program, please call 305 995-7632.

### **Fee-based Community School Program**

#### **20. Who is eligible to enroll and participate in a fee-based Community School Program?**

Fee-based Community School Programs are accessible to all school-aged students and to the general public. Students and/or community members may participate in a course at any location that is convenient and that is age appropriate.

**21. What is the cost of Fee-based Community School Programs and at what times are these programs offered?**

Fee-based Community School Programs are offered at 13 Full Service Elementary, K-8 Center, and Middle School locations and Full Service Adult Education Centers, Monday through Friday on days when school is in session. Elementary, K-8 Center, and Middle School programs start directly after school, usually 2:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. for Elementary and K-8, and 3:50 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. for Middle School, and mornings, afternoon, and/or evening sessions for Adult Centers. Cost per course varies from one location to another. Please contact your school site administration for more details about any course that interest you.

**22. What activities does the Fee-based Community School Program offer and at what locations are these activities offered?**

Community School Programs offer courses which may include but are not limited to: Subject area tutorials, Sports Programs, Music Programs, Self-Improvement Programs, Martial Arts Programs, Arts and Crafts, Cheerleading, Interior Design, Computer Programs, Financial Programs, Dance, Modeling, Language and Photography Programs. For more specific community course offerings in your area, please go to [www.dadecommunityschools.net](http://www.dadecommunityschools.net) and click on the Course Catalog search link found on the left side of the webpage. To identify Full Service Community School locations, go to [www.dadecommunityschools.net](http://www.dadecommunityschools.net) and click on the Community School Program link or the Adult/Vocational/Technical link found on the left side of the webpage.

**23. Is there a registration form that I must complete to enroll my child in the Fee-based Community School Program?**

Yes, there is. All sections of the registration form are to be completed. **Emergency Contact Information, Authorized Pick-up and the emergency medical treatment check-off is mandatory.** It is extremely important that you immediately notify your instructor if you require any changes on your registration form. Adult Education Centers implement their own unique registration form that may require additional information.

**Summer Services Instructional Staff**

**24. What are the 2017 Summer Services Program Hours for Teachers?**

**Elementary Schools and K-8 Centers** (Grade 3) – 8:15 a.m. – 3:20 p.m.

**K-8 Centers** (Grades 6 - 8) – 8:15 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

**Middle Schools** (Grades 6 – 8) – 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

**25. What are the Professional Development days for teachers hired to work for the 2017 Summer Program?**

**PD/Planning Schedule for Elementary Grade Teachers  
(Including Elementary Grade Teachers at K-8 Centers)**

Level	Date	Time	Location
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Rising</b>	June 29, 2017	8:15 a.m. – 3:15 p.m.	Bob Graham Education Center 15901 N.W. 79 Avenue Miami Lakes, FL 33016
	June 30, 2017	8:15 a.m. – 3:15 p.m.	Open Instructional Summer Centers
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Retained</b>	June 29, 2017	8:15 a.m. – 3:15 p.m.	Bob Graham Education Center 15901 N.W. 79 Avenue Miami Lakes, FL 33016
	June 30, 2017	8:15 a.m. – 3:15 p.m.	Open Instructional Summer Centers

**PD/Planning Schedule for Middle Grade Teachers  
(Including Middle Grade Teachers at K-8 Centers)**

Level	Subject	Date	Time	Location
<b>K-8 Centers and Middle Schools</b>	English/Language Arts	June 29, 2017	8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Rockway Middle School 9393 S.W. 29 Terrace Miami, FL 33165
	Mathematics			
<b>Grades 6 – 8</b>	Science	June 30, 2017	8:15 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.	Open Instructional Summer Centers
	Social Studies			

**Teachers of Extended School Year Services**

Teachers assigned to an Extended School Year **Pre-K to Grade 5 Elementary, Pre-K to Grade 8 or Pre-K to Grade 12 Center School locations** will be afforded two *full-days* of Professional Development on June 29, 2017 and June 30, 2017.



Teachers assigned to an Extended School Year Grades 6 to 12 Middle School location will be afforded two *half-days* of Professional Development on June 29, 2017 and June 30, 2017.

### **Hourly Paraprofessionals**

Paraprofessionals of the program listed below will be afforded two days of Professional Development on June 29, 2017 and June 30, 2017:

- Paraprofessionals assigned to an Extended School Year Pre-K to Grade 5 Elementary, Pre-K to Grade 8 or Pre-K to Grade 12 Center locations will attend PD from 8:15 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- Paraprofessionals assigned to an Extended School Year Grades 6 to 12 Middle School location will attend PD from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

### **26. Will staff be paid for July 4, 2017?**

No, July 4, 2017 is a non-paid Recess Day for all 10-month employees. Staff and students will not be in attendance on July 4, 2017. Professional Development days (6/29 and 6/30/2017), may be paid with the July 21, 2017 pay date.

### **27. Why am I listed as an ineligible teacher for Summer Services?**

Contact the Certification Office in Human Resources at 305 995-7200.

### **28. Who should I contact about questions about my summer paycheck?**

Please contact your Open Instructional Summer Center site administrator.