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SAMPLE

ROCHESTER SUMMER CATALOG

For information on the importance of comprehensive summer program catalogs and tips for developing effective catalogs, review [Summer Program Catalog Guidance](#).

The Toolkit includes five summer program catalog samples from three different school districts. These samples are comprehensive guides of the district-sponsored and co-sponsored programs provided for students during the summer. Each sample catalog includes an overview of the district's summer learning approach, program descriptions, schedules, administration contacts, eligibility requirements, and enrollment procedures.



RCSD Summer Learning Programs 2016

Why Should Children Enroll in Summer Learning?

- A Research proves it helps them do better during the school year.
- B Rochester has been nationally recognized for strong summer programs.
- C School is a comfortable, safe place for children to enjoy time together.
- D All of the above. *—And many more good reasons!*

Rochester Summer Learning By The Numbers

- More than 10,000 students will be served this summer
- Over 61% of regular summer program attendees in grades K-7 gained or showed no summer loss in both reading and math
- Over 30 different programs are available to serve all grade levels, from incoming Pre-K students to graduating 12th-graders
- 5 districts were chosen to be part of a major research study to test the benefits of summer learning. Our Summer Scholars program for students entering 4th and 5th grade was recognized for excellence by the National Summer Learning Association
- 135,558 books will be given to students for their home libraries this summer to promote reading outside of school—another important way to stop summer learning loss



The large majority of students who attend summer learning programs either maintain or improve achievement in English and math, instead of falling behind.

The Rochester City School District has changed the definition of “summer school”

Attending class in July and August no longer means being stuck in a hot room because you failed or fell behind during the school year.

We do offer instruction for students who need to catch up in English and math. But today’s summer learning is more than that. Students can discover their cultural heritage, take courses on college campuses, pursue interests in art, music, or science and exercise their bodies along with their minds. Our programs aren’t just for students who fall behind, but those who want to get a head start on the next school year.

Summer learning loss is a real problem. More than a century of education research has shown that, during the summer break, students lose some of the academic gains they made during the school year. The loss is especially severe for children whose families can’t afford books, summer camps and other activities. Low-income children lose about two months of grade-level achievement in math during the summer, and lose more than two months of reading ability. Summer learning programs can end learning loss.

Use this booklet to consider your summer learning options. You’ll find descriptions of each program on pages 3-9. Applications will be mailed to PreK-6 families and are available at your school and on the District’s website: www.rcsdk12.org.

Schools may contact families to recommend a summer learning placement, and community partners enroll students separately. The District will do its best to place every student who wants summer learning in a program that meets his or her needs.

What Parents Should Know



Summer learning is free.

Transportation is provided, just like the regular school year—yellow-bus service for elementary students, RTS passes for grades 7-12. Transportation is provided to City R-Centers. Transportation schedules will be mailed to homes in mid June.

Free breakfast and lunch is served at most locations (see Summer Meals ad on page 9 for details).

Students with disabilities are welcome and will receive special education services to meet their individual needs.

Most sites are air-conditioned.

Classes are taught by certified District teachers and in some programs students will be with teachers from their own school.

Most summer programming starts the week of July 5th, and many programs last for 5 weeks.

Grades PreK-6

Families will receive the Summer Learning Application form in the mail at their permanent address on file with RCSD. The application form is tailored to each school and has summer programs available to students from that school. You can contact your school for a copy of the application form or download one from the District website: www.rcsdk12.org. Families will receive two letters. The first will be from the director of the program your child is enrolled in regarding program details, such as location, start and end times, meals, learning and enrichment activities, etc. The second will be from the Department of Transportation with the pick-up and drop-off times for your child.

Grades 7-8

Students are selected for enrichment programs for middle grades based on 85% attendance, GPA and NYS ELA and math scores. School Principals and counselors will recommend the appropriate Summer Learning Program based on academics as well as enrichment purposes for students. Although there are no application forms for middle-grades programs, a middle-schooler who opts for a community partner program, such as the Freedom School or Horizons at Harley, needs to apply separately for that program. RTS bus passes will be provided to all students.

Community Partners

RCSD is excited to partner with community-based organizations to deliver a diverse assortment of summer learning experiences. Student recruitment is coordinated by the partnering organization. If your child will be attending a Community Partner Program, please 1) follow the

partner's registration process AND 2) complete the RCSD Summer Learning Application including Section 2, Community Partnership Programs, on the back of the form.

Grades 9-12

Commencement program registration will take place in June and will occur at your child's home school. Students must be a city resident to attend. Please bring proof of residency to registration to expedite the process. Detailed information will be provided upon registration. RTS bus passes will be provided to all students (RCSD, private, parochial, and charter).

Private, Parochial & Charter

Students will register on June 30 from 3-6 pm, at the East High School cafeteria. Students must bring an ID and proof of residence. Textbooks will be distributed that day. No deposit is required for textbooks this summer. For specific details, please contact (585) 262-8323.

Summer School Hotline: (585) 262-8323

ELEMENTARY SUMMER LEARNING PROGRAMS

Families will receive a school-specific Summer Learning Application in the mail at their permanent address on file with RCSD. A copy of this can also be obtained from the school or the District website.

Application deadline: May 20, 2016

Bilingual Science Summer Adventures

Location: School 50
Mon-Fri, July 5-August 5
7:45-11:45 am
Grades K-6

Limited to Schools 9, 12, 17, 22, 28, 33 and 35

The Bilingual Science Summer Adventures program is a project-based model where students engage in real, meaningful problems similar to what scientists, mathematicians, writers, and historians do. Research demonstrates that students in project-based learning classrooms get higher scores than students in traditional classrooms. This program focuses on reading grade level content, targeted comprehension strategies and formulating daily summaries to develop clear and concise writing.

Children's School ELL Summer Program

Location: School 50
Mon-Fri, July 5-August 5
7:45-11:45 am
Grades K-6

Limited to School 15 students

This program is specifically designed to support the linguistic, cultural and academic needs of the 150 students who are learning English as an additional language.

Dr. Everett Williams Summer Literacy & Science Academy

Location: School 19
Mon-Fri, July 5-August 5
8:00-12:00 pm
Grades PreK-5

The summer program for Cooper Scholars is taught by highly trained Expeditionary Learning Cooper staff. The primary goal is to prevent summer learning loss in both ELA and math, as well as expose students to various process skills associated with learning.

Freedom School

Location: School 19
Mon-Fri, July 5-August 5
8:00 am-2:00 pm
Grades K-8

Limited to School 10 students

Freedom School is a culturally responsive literacy program for students in grades K-8. An Integrated Reading Curriculum, which is aligned with national Common Core Learning Standards, is used within a 2.5 hour reading block. Students engage in enrichment activities in the afternoon which help maintain health and wellness and encourage creativity.

Innovation Greenhouse III

Location: School No. 8
Mon-Fri, July 5-August 5
8 am-12 pm
Grades K-5

Limited to Schools 8, 25, 34, 43 and 52 students

Innovation Greenhouse will provide students with differentiated learning opportunities that will encourage student engagement and participation. Aligned with the NYS Learning Standards, IG III targets hands-on, experiential learning with a direct focus on students' reading, writing, and mathematics skills development. Student daily attendance is expected in order to improve skills during the program and continue into the academic year.

MLK Boys Academy Summer Prep

Location: TBD
Mon-Fri, July 5-August 12
9 am-2 pm
Grades 3-5

Limited to School 9 students

This program will target Boys Academy students with a focus on math and ELA skills to prepare them for the upcoming school year. Students will also learn strategies to make good choices in coping with their social-emotional needs.

Nazareth Summer Reading Clinic

Location: Offsite
Mon-Fri, July 5-August 12
8 am-12 pm
Grades K-2

Limited to School 9 students

The purpose of this program is to ensure that students are reading by third grade by targeting K-2 students who struggle with literacy development. Instructors will provide differentiated literacy instruction based on students' needs and develop early literacy strategies. Students will also be engaged in independent reading and writing.

Power Scholars Academy

Location: School 44
Mon-Fri, July 5-August 5
8 am-4 pm
Grades K-2

The goal of this program is to increase students' academic success and boost self-confidence, while also engaging families in the education process. This program is designed to address summer learning loss and enhance overall youth development, academic performance and graduation rates.

Reading, Leading and Writing

Location: School 45
Mon-Fri, July 5-August 5
8:30 am-12:30 pm
Grades PreK-6

Priority to Schools 23 and 45

This program will further develop the writing skills of students through genre-based writing.

ELEMENTARY SUMMER LEARNING PROGRAMS

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Application deadline: May 20, 2016



Rochester Summer Arts Academy

Location: School 5
Mon-Fri, July 5-August 5
8 am-1:30 pm
Grades PreK-6

This summer arts program will help students strengthen their math and ELA skills while providing arts enrichment based on students' individual interests.

This is one of the few districtwide programs that offer math instruction.

Enrichments activities will be offered in the following areas: visual arts, music, drama, and dance.

Rochester Summer Scholars (Wallace)

Location: School 58
Mon-Fri, July 5-August 5
8:00 am-2:30 pm
Grades 3-4

This full-day summer program provides academics in the morning and enrichment opportunities in the afternoon. Students will gain strength in their ELA and math skills and positively strengthen their social emotional being.

Summer Pre-K Ramp-Up

Location: School 25
Monday-Friday
August 15-September 2
8 am-12 pm
Grade: Pre-K

Limited to School 25 and 33 students

Location: School 33
Monday-Friday
August 15-September 2
8:30 am-12:30 pm
Grade: Pre-K

This program will help with the transition to Pre-K by introducing students and families to the school-based setting in an effort to orient them to a full-day instructional program. The focus will include literacy and linguistic skill development in ELA and math, social skill development, and fine and gross motor skill development.

MIDDLE GRADES SUMMER LEARNING PROGRAMS

Students are selected for the Middle Grades Enrichment Program based on 85% attendance, GPA and NYS ELA and math scores. Although there is NO APPLICATION FORM and process for this program, a middle-schooler who opts for a special program, such as the Freedom School or a community partner one, needs to apply separately to that program.

7 go 8 Grade Institutes at Northwest

Location: Douglass Campus
Mon-Fri, July 11–August 5
9 am–1 pm
Grade 7

Limited to Northwest students

This four-week intensive interdisciplinary and project-based institute is for incoming 8th-graders. In order to set up students for success in the critical 9th-grade year, teachers will mediate students' reading deficits, build critical thinking skills, writing skills and mathematic skills. The institute runs for four hours a day, with three hours spent on intense, well-targeted instruction, balanced by one hour of enrichment, aligned to student interest and school climate goals.

ELA and Math Institutes at Northwest

Location: Douglass Campus
Mon-Fri, July 11–August 5
9 am–1 pm
Grade 8

Limited to Northwest students

This four-week intensive interdisciplinary and project-based institute is for incoming 9th-graders. In order to set up students for success in the critical 9th-grade year, teachers will mediate students' reading deficits, build critical thinking skills, writing skills and mathematic skills. The institute runs for four hours a day, with three hours spent on intense, well-targeted instruction, balanced by one hour of enrichment, aligned to student interest and school climate goals.

Freedom School

Location: School 19
Mon-Fri, July 5–August 5
8:00 am–2:00 pm
Grades K–8

Freedom School is a culturally responsive literacy program for students in grades K-8. An Integrated Reading Curriculum, which is aligned with national Common Core Learning Standards, is used within a 2.5 hour reading block. Students engage in enrichment activities in the afternoon which help maintain health and wellness and encourage creativity.

James Monroe High School Extended Year

Location: School 58
Monday-Thursday
August 8–August 23
9 am–12 pm
Grades 6–11

Limited to Monroe students

Students who participate in this extended year are incoming students in grades 7 and 8 and incoming students in grades 9-12 who do not need summer school credit earning classes or recovery credit classes from failures.

Middle Grades Enrichment Program

Location: East High School, D-wing
Mon-Fri, July 5–July 29
8 am–11:39 am
Grades 7–8

The Middle Grades program is an engaging and effective learning experience aligned to the Common Core Learning Standards. It develops flexible reading and writing skills and strategies that help students attack learning challenges across all content areas.

Panther Pride Academy at Northwest

Location: Douglass Campus
Monday-Friday
August 8–August 19

Limited to Northwest students

(This is a 2-day orientation class that can be taken anytime during the August 8-19 period.)

9 am–1 pm
Grade 6

This Academy has a three-fold purpose:
1. to provide a nurturing transition and orientation for incoming 7th-graders;
2. to build school community/culture and establish behavioral expectations through restorative practices; and 3. to provide embedded professional development in restorative practices for school staff.

HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER LEARNING PROGRAMS

Private, Parochial and Charter students will register on June 30 from 3-6 pm at East High School in the cafeteria. Students must bring an ID and proof of residence. Textbooks will be distributed to students that day. There is no deposit required for textbooks this summer.

Algebra Institute

Location: Douglass Campus
Monday-Friday
July 11-August 5
9 am-1 pm
Grade 9

Limited to
Northeast
students

This early-start program will focus on building students' algebra skills and providing acceleration prior to starting 10th grade.

Commencement

Locations: East High (Grade 12), School of the Arts (Grades 9-11), Martin Street (Grades 9-11), Wilson Foundation Academy (Grades 9-11), Hart Street (Grades 9-11)
Mon-Fri, July 5-August 18
7:45 am-1:15 pm
Grades 9-12

Commencement students will learn from top-notch teachers who deliver engaging and effective learning experiences based on an understanding of individual needs. Students will achieve significant growth and improve performance on Regents exams overall. Building on the results from summer 2015, it is expected that a number of students will be able to graduate and the program will enable credit recovery for other students.

Early College at RECIHS

Location: Rochester Early College International High School
Mon-Fri, July 5-August 19
7:45-11:30 am
Grades 9-12

Limited to
RECIHS
students

Rochester Early College International High School has a 12-month philosophy using summer as advancement in order to take courses at Monroe Community College.

Edison Bridge Program

Location: TBD
Mon-Fri, August 1-12
8 am-12 pm
Incoming 9th-graders
The summer bridge program will serve all incoming 9th-grade students new to Edison.

Limited to
Edison
incoming
9th graders

James Monroe High School Extended Year

Location: School 58
Monday-Thursday
August 8-August 23
9 am-12 pm
Grades 6-11

Limited to
Monroe
students

Students who participate in this extended year are incoming students in grades 7 and 8 and incoming students in grades 9-12 who do not need summer school credit earning classes or recovery credit classes from failures.

James Monroe High School Summer Learning

Location: School 58
Mon-Fri, July 5-August 18
Times: 7:45 am-1:15 pm
Grades 9-12

Limited to
Monroe bilingual
students and 12th
graders needing
summer credits

This program will serve Monroe High School students who are candidates for graduation and bilingual students needing summer school credit earning classes and recovery credit classes from failures only.

Literacy Institute

Location: Douglass Campus
Monday-Friday,
July 11-August 5
9 am-1 pm
Grade 9

Limited to
Northeast
students

This early-start program will focus on

building students' literacy skills and providing acceleration prior to starting 10th grade.

NYSAA Work-Based Learning

Location: TBD
Mon-Fri, July 5-August 19
8 am-12 pm
Grades 9-12

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This program allows NYSAA-track students to participate in summer work-based learning opportunities.

P-TECH Summer Bridge

Location: TBD
Mon-Fri, July 6-July 29
8 am-12 pm
Incoming 9th-graders

Limited to
P-TECH
incoming
9th graders

The program will center around a project-based learning environment where students will receive skills through a hands-on STEM task-creating and programming an Arduino circuit board- and also ramp up ELA and math skills. This Summer Bridge Program is critical in order to be successful in the intense coursework that P-TECH demands.

Work-Based Learning Support

Location: Offsite
Mon-Fri, July 5-August 26
1-5 pm
Grades 9-12

CTE

This program provides direct support to students enrolled in work-based learning opportunities.

Youth & Justice Programs

Location: Offsite
Mon-Fri, July 5-August 12
7:45 am-2:25 pm
Grades 9-12

This summer program at Monroe County Jail will support incarcerated youth.

COMMUNITY PARTNER PROGRAMS

Most Community Partner Programs support a specific school or select students based on a particular focus area. Many of these programs serve the same group of students from summer to summer as children move kindergarten through elementary school. Student recruitment for these programs is coordinated by the partnering organization.

City Kids to Sisol

Location: Jewish Community Center
Mon-Fri, July 5–August 26
8 am–4:30 pm
Grades K–6

Limited to School 22 students

Camp Sisol has a strong tradition of making summers meaningful and enriching. In addition to targeted literacy-based activities, Camp Sisol offers physical fitness, intellectual challenges, swimming, and values/character development.

EnCompass 3D Summer Program

Location: Discovery Charter School
Mon-Fri, July 6–August 10
9 am–4 pm
Grades 3–6

Serves children in Monroe County foster care

This academically based summer enrichment program engages youth as a community of learners in small-group, inquiry-based learning projects and enrichments. Together youth and teachers discover, discuss, and investigate topics based on a curriculum aligned with New York State Common Core Standards.

EnCompass RCSD Summer Elementary Program

Location: School 45
Mon-Fri, July 6–August 3
9 am–2 pm
Grades 3–6

Limited to School 33, 39, 41 & 46 students

The EnCompass elementary summer learning program combines an inquiry-based learning and targeted tutoring with added social emotional learning experiences. There are daily opportunities for physical activity and healthy eating along with ELA and math tutoring.

EnCompass Reinvesting in Youth

Location: School 45
Mon-Fri, July 6–August 3
9 am–2 pm
Grades 5–10

Limited Availability

This program engages students in a project-based learning curriculum to promote cohesive learning and foster social-emotional competencies, academic development and 21st century learning skills.

Future Business Leaders and Entrepreneurs

Location: Offsite
Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday
June 4–August 20
8:30 am–12:30 pm
Grades 9–12

CTE

Students in this program will develop business, problem-solving and leadership skills through authentic, “real world” learning.

Horizons at MCC

Location: Monroe Community College
Mon-Fri, July 5–August 12
8:30 am–3 pm
Grades K–6

The Horizons Program at MCC is a six-week, full-day summer enrichment program focused on literacy and math that utilizes the experiential teaching model. All program participants are required to learn how to swim and also participate in other wellness and arts-related activities.

Horizons at Harley

Location: Harley School
Mon-Fri, July 5–August 11
8:30 am–3 pm
Grades K–8

CLOSED

The Horizons Program at Harley is a six-week, full-day summer enrichment program focused on literacy and math that utilizes the experiential teaching model. All program participants are required to learn how to swim and also participate in other wellness and arts-related activities.

Horizons at Warner/U of R

Location: University of Rochester
Mon-Fri, July 5–August 10
9:15 am–4 pm
Grades K–8

CLOSED

Horizons at Warner is a summer enrichment program that engages students in meaningful and authentic learning experiences in a non-traditional school setting. High-quality instruction for reading and math is provided each morning, and small groups conduct thematic investigations in the afternoon. Friday consists of a field trip and student-selected workshops from topics such as robotics, chemistry, physics, computer programming, gardening, astrophysics, book publication, and photography.

Rochester Young Scholars Academy at Geneseo

Location: SUNY Geneseo
Mon-Fri, July 11–July 22
9 am–3 pm
Grades 5–10

Priority to School 3 students

Rochester Young Scholars Academy at Geneseo is a summer STEM camp for incoming 6th- through 11th-grade students. The Academy provides participants with an intensive two-week residential program. This year's academy theme is archeological digs.

COMMUNITY PARTNER PROGRAMS



Summer Construction Camps

Location: Offsite
 Mon-Fri, July 11–August 26
 12–4 pm
 Grades 3–12

Students will participate in construction-based activities in conjunction with programs offered at the Carter Street R-Center.

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Summer Construction Math SOOP

Location: Offsite
 Mon-Fri, July 11–August 26
 8 am–12 pm
 Grades 10–12

Students will strengthen construction skills while earning a math credit for a Geometry in the Construction Course.

Limited to Edison students

Summer Internships

Location: Offsite
 Mon-Fri, July 1–August 31
 8 am–12 pm
 Grade 11

This program will identify students to take advantage of paid summer work experiences that align to their career pathways.

Limited to Edison students

Summer LEAP @ Allendale Columbia

Location: Allendale Columbia
 Mon-Fri, July 5–August 12
 8:30 am–3 pm
 Grades K–3

Allendale Columbia Summer LEAP is a six-week educational program for students in grades K–3 that will focus on the areas of math and literacy in a creative and innovative program. Summer LEAP aligns with the mission of the District, while creating a welcoming environment for learners, family members and community partners.

Limited to School 17 students

SummerLEAP @ Brockport

Location: SUNY Brockport
 Mon-Fri, July 5–August 11
 8:30 am–3 pm
 Grades K–3

SummerLEAP at Brockport is a six-week, full-day summer enrichment program focused on literacy and math that utilizes the experiential teaching model. All program participants are required to learn how to swim and also participate in other wellness and arts-related activities.

Limited to School 17 students

Summer STEM Camps

Location: Offsite
 Mon-Fri, July 11–August 26
 12–4 pm
 Grades 3–12

Students will participate in STEM-based activities in conjunction with programs offered at the Carter Street R-Center.

Yes We Can

Location: TBD
 Mon-Fri, July 11–August 18
 11 am–4 pm
 Grades 9–10

This program will offer a variety of innovative opportunities to students with a wide range of disabilities, which will enhance their educational and career exploration and transition. Students will create and engage in attainable and sustainable employment while addressing a vital need for urban agriculture. In addition, students will explore other occupations that complement their interests, gifts and abilities. Students will also engage in related community service projects that will be captured in an inspiring “Yes, We Can” documentary.

CTE

SPECIALIZED PROGRAMS

Specialized programs are limited to a specific population of students, such as children with a 12-month IEP or non-English speakers / learners who need extra help before the start of the school year.

Be A Healthy Hero Summer Camp

Location: Offsite
Mon-Fri, July 5–August 5
8 am–3:30 pm
Grades K–5

Limited to School 2, 10, 12, 19, 22, 43, 46 & 58 students

The Be A Healthy Hero Summer Camp, located and hosted by Monroe Community College, provides a wide variety of activity and sports for children.

Camp Good Days and Special Times

Location: Offsite
Mon-Thurs, August 15–August 18
Overnight camp
Grades 6–7

Camp Good Days and Special Times will lead a student leadership camp for approximately 80 students.

Champions Academy

Location: East High School
Mon-Fri, July 11–July 22
3–8 pm
Grades 7–12

This academy will expose football participation as a consistent gateway to increased graduation rates, college and career readiness and positive citizenship.

Extended School Year

Location: School 29
Mon-Fri, July 5–August 12
8:15 am–2:15 pm
Grades 1–12

This program stems summer learning loss for students with disabilities by providing extended school year (ESY) special education programs and services to students who have 12-month Individualized Education Programs (IEPs) as required by NYSED regulation. This population consists of students with significant cognitive, social and/or emotional delays. Other students with disabilities, who do not have a 12-month IEP, are welcome to attend other summer learning programs.



When school is out, Summer Meals are in!

This summer, youth 18 and under can get a FREE breakfast, lunch, or snack, and stay active at neighborhood rec centers, summer school locations, and other community sites. After May 15th, get a complete list of meal times and locations by dialing:

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www.SummerMealsRoc.org



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