



February 16, 2021

MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the Board of Education

From: Michael J. Martirano, Ed.D.  
Superintendent

Subject: 2021 HCPSS Summer School Programs

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide information on the 2021 HCPSS Summer School Programs. During summer 2021, it is anticipated that the Gifted and Talented Summer Institute, Extended School Year, Early Intervention Services, and BSAP Summer Institute will operate as they have in the past. They will be taught through a combination of online and in-person instruction reflecting the hybrid approach instituted for spring 2021.

Suggested changes to the Innovative Pathways Summer School Program for high school students and Academic Intervention Summer Program for students entering grades K-8 in fall 2021 are described below. The goal for summer is to double the number of students participating in summer options.

**Elementary School/Middle School Academic Intervention (Students entering Grades K-8)**

- Expand summer programming for kindergarten, including all schools.
- Rather than a 19 day, four-week program, the program will be a 20 day five-week program with Mondays off. The program is anticipated to run from Tuesday, June 29 to Friday, July 30 because longer exposure to instruction is linked to enhanced instructional benefits.
  - 20 Days (increase from 19 days)
    - 3.5 hours (increase from 3 hours): 15 min Social Emotional Learning (SEL) instruction, 1.5 hours mathematics instruction, 1.75 hours English/Language Arts (ELA) instruction
    - 70 total hours (increase from 57 hours): 5 hours SEL, 30 hours mathematics, 35 Hours ELA



## **High School (Students entering Grades 9-12)**

- The Innovative Pathways Summer Program will continue to provide courses in the morning and afternoon to allow students to take up to two courses.
- The program plans to provide both in-person and virtual course options for eligible students.
- The program will offer 28 original credit course options and provide credit recovery courses for any student who did not earn credit in the following courses during SY20-21:
  - English 9 - 12
  - Algebra I, Algebra II, Geometry
  - American Government, Modern World History, U.S. History
  - Advanced Physical Science, Biology, Earth and Space Systems Science
- The program plans to provide courses and child care for eligible teen parents.
- The Gear-Up for Grade 9 Program will provide entering Grade 9 students the option to earn two 0.5 elective credits in English and mathematics to help transition to high school.
- Innovative Pathways staff are identifying Career and Technical Education (CTE) summer course options for Grade 11 students who were waitlisted for programs during SY20-21; allowing between 100-300 students the opportunity to take intermediate CTE courses in SY21-22.
- HCPSS Dual Enrollment staff are working with HCC to provide an option for students to access mathematics courses to enhance their performance in credit-bearing classes.

## **Additional Summer Opportunities**

ESSER II funds would be used to hire the additional teachers and other staff necessary to expand the program's size and duration and to pay teachers to run the virtual tutoring. Funds could also be available to add an afternoon enrichment session to the program, if student interest and staff availability would allow. Grant funds are being sought to expand summer programming including full day programming for some sites. Additionally, HCPSS has received a STARTALK grant to provide Chinese language enrichment which will be offered at two sites. It is anticipated that fewer staff will choose to participate in in-person or hybrid summer learning programs this summer. To incentivize participation, HCPSS is currently exploring raising the per hour teaching rate.

## **Year-Long Intervention Opportunities**

The Academic Intervention Beyond School Day programs will continue to provide interventions for struggling middle and high school students during SY21-22. Grant funds are being sought to

continue interventions for elementary students and enhance the HCPSS Evening School and Beyond School Hours program.

If you have any questions, please contact Caroline Walker, Executive Director of Program Innovation and Student Well-Being.

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