

## Lower Merion School District

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### 125 SUMMER PROGRAMS

The Board feels strongly that the District should offer opportunities for student growth and enrichment through a robust program of summer offerings. The School District shall operate elementary summer programs for students in grades kindergarten through 5 and secondary summer programs for students in grades 6 through 12 to carry out the purposes set forth in this policy.

Summer programs are programs which are operated by the Lower Merion School District in June, July and/or August between the end of one school term and the beginning of another.

#### A. Elementary Summer School (Grades 1 through 5):

In order to provide support for students in reading, mathematics and other subjects to continue their school-based learning throughout the year, the District will provide an elementary summer program for students in grades kindergarten through 5. This is a bridge of learning that extends beyond the traditional school year and provides opportunities for growth and learning in connection with the District's strategic plan.

#### B. Secondary Summer School (Grades 6 through 12):

The District shall offer academic programs and courses in the summer for secondary levels for the following purposes:

1. To make-up certain core courses which the student failed during the regular school year;
2. To allow a student to audit certain core courses with the purpose of enriching the student's background in an academic discipline(s) in which the student has a special interest;
3. To complete certain advanced courses for which the students are qualified and for which they would receive academic credit.
4. To provide summer orientation programs for eighth grade students to support their transition to high school.
5. To provide opportunities for student growth and learning in connection with the District's strategic plan.

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The Superintendent or a designee shall plan and administer an elementary and secondary summer school each year within the provisions of this policy that will include:

- A. The schedule for summer school.
- B. Tuition and registration fees to be approved annually by the Board for both resident and non-resident students including opportunities for financial assistance.
- C. Standards for awarding credit for a course failed during the regular school year.
- D. Notice to parents/guardians and students of program offerings through, among other sources, the District website.
- E. Criteria for inclusion of courses in the summer program including, but not limited to, student class levels and individualized needs of students.