



SHAWNEE MISSION SCHOOL DISTRICT

May 7, 2020

The Shawnee Mission School District continues to closely monitor the COVID-19 pandemic and its impact on current and future programming and events, including summer programs. We are writing to provide an update on planning for summer, 2020.

The State of Kansas has announced four phases to reopen the state ([Ad Astra: Plan to Reopen Kansas](#)). Each phase has a tentative timeline, which is subject to extension due to health circumstances surrounding the pandemic. [Important: The new plan to reopen Kansas does not change the Governor's original order (EO 20-07) closing all school facilities until May 29, 2020.]

In light of updated guidance from Kansas Governor Laura Kelly, Johnson County health officials, and in collaboration with the other Johnson County School Districts, and with emphasis on the on-going health and safety of our students and staff, here are our current plans for summer, 2020 (additional details will be provided when available).

- SMSD are currently closed, and will open following guidance from the state and county departments of health.
- Schools will communicate with parents the plans for students to retrieve personally owned items, return library books/textbooks, etc. This will begin the week of May 18-22, 2020.
- Students, other than graduating seniors, will retain their digital devices over the summer. Please watch for additional information regarding devices from your building principal.
- In-person graduation ceremonies have been moved to July, if it is possible to have large gatherings by then. A decision will be made by June 15 about whether or not those celebrations can be held in person or will be virtual.
- The last day of school for all other students is May 22.
- The last contract day for teachers is May 27.

Summer Programs

Due to challenges related to school building closures, summer enrichment programs will not

be offered this summer for students in grades K-8. Summer School programs will be offered virtually to all Shawnee Mission School District students who are either entering ninth grade or are currently in high school during the summer of 2020.

Students who have not taken a course and would like to move forward to complete graduation requirements can sign up for initial credit through eSchool. All information, including steps for enrollment can be found on the [eSchool website](#). eSchool will run one session: May 26-June 30 (Fitness for Life course May 26-July 21).

Students who have previously enrolled and failed a course can sign up for recover credit through the Summer Academy. All information, including steps for enrollment, can be found on the [Summer Academy Website](#). Summer Academy will have two sessions: June 8-26 for all semester 1 courses, Health, and American Government; and July 6-24 for all semester 2 courses. Financial Literacy will be offered both sessions. For a full list of courses offered, please visit the Summer Academy website.

We recognize that public health information surrounding the pandemic is subject to change on a daily and weekly basis. Thank you for your patience, understanding and flexibility during this extraordinary time in our community.

Sincerely,

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