

# KSD Summer School 2024 - Middle School Programming



## Middle School Summer Academy

- Monday through Thursday, 8:30-12:00
- Hosted at North Kirkwood Middle School
- Open to all KSD students going into 6th, 7th, or 8th grade
- Project-based learning around themes, with intentional ties to priority learning standards in reading, writing, and/or math
- Students may attend either two-week session OR attend all four weeks

**Session 1: July 8-18**

**Session 2: July 22-August 1**

## Summer Academy - Structure & Student Experience

- Middle School Summer Academies will be built primarily around project/theme-based learning topics, with teachers intentionally embedding ELA and/or math priority learning standards into the students' experience.
- Incoming 6th graders will be placed in project-based courses with only other sixth graders, with teachers working skills and experiences related to middle school orientation into the courses, where and when appropriate.
- 7th/8th grade students may be placed in multi-grade sessions.
- Sessions 1 and 2 will include two morning blocks, allowing each student to participate in two different theme-based courses
- Sessions will generally be limited to approximately 15 students per teacher, although session numbers may be impacted by enrollment and staffing. It is our hope that students attending Session 1 and/or Session 2 will be able to rank their choices of project-based topics, rather than be assigned to courses based only on space.
- Transportation will be available to students living 1.5+ miles from Nipher.

## Staffing Information

- Middle School Summer Academy administrators will be Matthew Banks ([matthew.banks@kirkwoodschoools.org](mailto:matthew.banks@kirkwoodschoools.org)) and Anissa William ([anissa.williams@kirkwoodschoools.org](mailto:anissa.williams@kirkwoodschoools.org))
- All staff (KSD & SSD) are eligible for teaching during the summer, with preference given to certified staff who will be serving students in the fall.
- Our administrative team will oversee communication, hiring of staff, scheduling, and coordination of data, working closely with building leadership. Staffing needs will be dictated, to some degree, by student enrollment.

## Middle School Launch Programming

All middle school students will again have access to enrichment programming, remedial opportunities, and adaptive academies through [Launch](#) courses run from June 5-30 and July 5-31 and will be available to any student, free of charge. Students can enroll directly through Kirkwood, using the interest form on our Summer School website <https://www.kirkwoodschoools.org/Page/9308> Please note that students participating in KSD's Middle School Academy can also participate in June programming through Launch, if desired.

Rising 8th graders wishing to take Math 8 during the summer will be enrolled in a Launch class taught by a teacher from the Kirkwood School District. Math 8 is a two-semester course, spanning both June and July. Students passing this course will be enrolled in Algebra I as an 8th grader in the fall.

## Sixth Grade Transition

Principals and counselors from Nipher and NKMS will work with elementary schools to identify students who may most benefit from additional support in the transition to middle school. These efforts will be outside of the summer school experience.