



March 10, 2025

Dear Parent or Guardian:

Valley Middle School of STEM is offering a three-week Summer School Academy designed to assist **ALL INCOMING 6th GRADE** students in making a smooth transition to middle school life. In addition to instruction in math, reading and writing, students will receive helpful advice on how to succeed as a 6th grade student at Valley Middle School of STEM. Our teachers will help students develop the organizational and study skills necessary for middle school academic success. Additionally, teachers will be assisting students in becoming familiar with the school itself and the services we provide.

Summer School classes will be held Monday through Friday from 8AM-12:30PM. Students who register must understand they are committing to attend each day of the three-week program for all 4.5 hours. Regular attendance is important, though we can work around camps and other absences of one week or less. **Week 1:** June 9 – 13, **Week 2:** June 16, 17, 18, 20 (NO class June 19), **Week 3:** June 23 - 27. ***Breakfast will be served from 7:45 - 8:00AM. Lunch will be served from approximately 11:45 - 12:05.**

Bus transportation will be provided for those students who receive it during the school year. Magnet students do not qualify for transportation during Summer Academy. Transportation is provided upon request by completing the transportation request form located at the bottom of the attached sheet. You will receive a postcard from Transportation with information as to when and where the bus will pick up and/or drop off your child a week prior to summer school beginning. If you have not received information by May 31, 2025, please call Transportation at 651-423-7685.

Please discuss this opportunity with your child. Our goal is to prepare each student for a successful career in middle school. We feel this program will help students improve their fundamental skills in reading, writing, and math, increase the retention of these skills over the summer break, and assist students in making a comfortable and positive transition to middle school. If you are interested in having your child attend, please complete the attached registration form and transportation request form (if bussing is necessary). **Feel free to give this form back to your 5th grade teacher or drop off at the main office of Valley Middle School no later than Monday, May 5th.** If you have any questions about our summer school program, please contact me at james.jotter@district196.org or 952-431-8735.

Sincerely,

James Jotter
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Valley Middle School of STEM