

Summer Learning at DVUSD

It won't be long before school is out for the summer. The Deer Valley Unified School District (DVUSD) has a long history of providing #extraordinary learning options for students during the summer months. Our free programs won't be as robust this year because of the loss of the Override election last November, so some programs will have to return to fee-based. DVUSD will begin the extraction of \$33 million Override dollars from our books over the next three years, but we still have a variety of summer options for students.

There are three types of programs – enrichment, intervention, and credit/grade recovery; to find a complete explanation of the many options, go to www.dvUSD.org/summer2025. The course descriptions, fee options, locations, and K-12 offerings are all on the website in detail.

Enrichment programs are for students who have had academic success and want to stretch their learning, performance, writing, or cultural skills. Community Education offers nine opportunities including "Theater Rocks" and "Science Rocks!" One exciting enrichment camp is the third annual Taipei Chinese Cultural Camp which will be housed in the Boulder Creek region this year. The camp takes several hundred students and immerses them in Taiwanese cultural traditions, crafts, and games. The camp has been in Arizona for over 25 years, but has found a home at DVUSD because of the TSMC chip plant being at the epi-center of the Deer Valley Unified School District.

Intervention camps are for students preparing to start the next school year on the right foot. There are camps around essential social skills and special needs services. Some of the camps have meals available and provide transportation – check the website for details.

The credit/grade recovery and acceleration offerings are for students who want to get ahead for next school year or to fix an academic misstep from the previous year. There is a middle school hybrid academic camp – part online, and part in-person. The middle school program is run by our award-winning Online Academy, "Aspire," housed at the District Office. Aspire also has high school academic programs. The Pathways high school program is an afternoon program for credit and grade recovery, is fee-based, and has options at Goldwater, Boulder Creek, and Deer Valley High Schools. The high school (HS) "class-extension" options can be found at Deer Valley, Mountain Ridge, and O'Connor (Online) while the DVUSD "credit recapture" option is housed at Barry Goldwater High School. All secondary programs are available to all DVUSD high school students.

The latest DVUSD podcast machine, "Supe Scoop," highlights more details on all of the DVUSD summer enrichment, intervention, and credit recover/extension programs and can be found on the DVUSD website under the Superintendent's page or wherever you listen to your podcasts.

If you are interested in sponsoring students who can't afford to go to these camps, please contact the Deer Valley Education Foundation (www.DVEF.org) to make a donation. Hopefully you will have a great summer of learning at one of our programs. Come enjoy the learning fun!

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