

The Southport School Summer Academic Program provides research-based academic support for all public and private school students entering grades 1–9 who are not achieving their full potential or have a language-based learning difference or attention issue.

Taught by The Southport School's expert teaching staff, this extended learning opportunity offers individualized, grade-appropriate, research-based approaches, including the Orton-Gillingham Approach, Lindamood-Bell's Visualizing & Verbalizing®, The Southport CoLAB's Executive Function Blueprint, The Writing Revolution®, and assistive technology in a supportive learning environment.



Skills Sharpeners Students Entering Grades 1–6

Monday, July 6 – Friday, July 31 | 8 am – 12 pm

Thursday, July 9 | Meet the Teachers Night Thursday, July 30 | Parent/Guardian Conferences

In this remedial, multi-week program, students are grouped into small classes by ability and age with respect to grade. Students participate in all four skills sharpening classes and multi-modal lessons, including:

Literacy & Language

Using a Structured Literacy approach, this class focuses on each child's decoding, encoding, reading fluency, and comprehension needs.

Writing

Students will develop, organize, and express ideas at the sentence and paragraph level using The Writing Revolution® methodology.

Literature

Provides comprehension strategies through direct instruction and application using literature-based resources and activities.

Mathematics

Emphasizes computational skills, conceptual development, practical applications, and problem-solving.

Strategies Workshops Students Entering Grades 6–9

Session 1: Monday, July 6 – Friday, July 17 | 8:50 am – 12:15 pm
Session 2: Monday, July 20 – Friday, July 31 | 8:50 am – 12:15 pm
Thursday, July 30 | Parent/Guardian Conferences

In these workshops, students learn strategies and tools to be successful in school. Students can enroll in up to two workshops per two-week session.

New! Decoding Workshop

Students performing significantly below grade level in decoding and encoding will receive intensive lessons tailored to their needs, focused on decoding, encoding, and comprehension. Provided by a certified Orton-Gillingham instructor, this systematic, diagnostic, and prescriptive instruction will provide targeted support necessary to strengthen foundational reading skills. Students will be assessed for admission to these sessions, which are limited to four students each. Enrollment will be on a first-come, first-served basis.

Math Workshop

Students will strengthen their understanding of advanced computation, pre-algebraic concepts, and approaches to solving word problems. Emphasis is placed on numerical reasoning and efficient problem-solving.

Study Workshop

Students will be introduced to learning and study strategies that help maximize their learning. Small group instruction focuses on understanding and applying executive functions to become a more proactive and positive student.

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Reading Workshop

Students learn active reading strategies such as prediction, visualization, and summarization. Students will practice annotation techniques to improve comprehension of both fiction and nonfiction texts.

Writing Workshop

Students develop positive writing habits by using a structured process to learn a variety of pre-writing, composing, and editing strategies, as well as using technology to aid in the writing process.



TSS Afternoon Camp at Wakeman Boys & Girls Club

Students Entering Grades 1–9

After a morning of academics and a home lunch enjoyed at the school, TSS will transport students from campus to WBGC for an exciting afternoon filled with sports, recreation, arts and crafts, games, and team activities.

This experience for students enrolled in TSS Summer Academic Program helps us to provide academic growth and classic summer camp fun!

Program Details

- Camp Hours: Monday to Friday, 12:30 – 3:30 p.m.
- Program Fees: Camp: \$120/week
- Extended Day Option: \$39/week. Available until 5:30 p.m. and is not limited to TSS students
- WBGC Annual Membership: \$60. **This is not a TSS-sponsored program. Students must be members of WBGC to participate.**
- Registration begins January, 12, 2026



TSS Summer Academic Program Enrollment Requirements

Enrollment does not require a diagnosis. Enrollment in Skills Sharpeners requires a short reading and math assessment, and enrollment in the Decoding Workshop requires a reading assessment. Assessments are performed at TSS.

Student Profile

The TSS Summer Academic Program is for students who are not reaching their full potential or have a language-based learning difference or ADHD. Our programs do not support the needs of students with Autism Spectrum Disorder, developmental delays, Oppositional Defiant Disorder, Pervasive Developmental Disorder, or Social (Pragmatic) Communication Disorder.

To Apply

The application process opens January 12, 2026, and requires a non-refundable application fee of \$80. Once your application is complete, a TSS team member will contact you to discuss the next steps and the potential fit between the student and program, as well as any required assessments. Decision letters are sent within two weeks of application. Summer Academic Program enrollment does not guarantee placement in The Southport School for the upcoming academic year, which requires a separate application process.

Pricing

There is a 10% sibling discount on Summer Academic Program fees for each additional sibling at an equal or lesser fee. This discount does not apply to TSS Afternoon Camp at Wakeman Boys & Girls Club.

	Program Fee	10% Sibling Discount
Skills Sharpeners	\$ 3,325.00	\$ 2,992.50
Strategies Workshops: Math, Reading, Study, Writing	\$ 850.00	\$ 765.00
Strategies Workshops: Decoding	\$ 1,275.00	\$ 1,147.50

For more information or to learn more about The Southport School, please contact the Admissions Office at: Admissions@SouthportSchool.org | 203.254.2044

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