Vacation Station
Francis Howell School District

Frequently Asked Questions about Summer

Q: **I have a child that will be starting Kindergarten, can they attend over the Summer?**

A: Yes, incoming kindergartners may begin attending as early as the first day of our summer program.

Q: **I have a child that does not attend a Francis Howell school, can they attend over the Summer?**

A: Yes, children who attend a private or parochial school or live out of the district during the school year are welcome to attend Vacation Station over the summer months.

Q: **What activities do you offer over Summer?**

A: We offer a wide variety of hands-on activities. We provide time for both structured and unstructured (Kid's Choice) activities throughout the day. We also get a lot of outside time; weather permitting. Children in Vacation Station get to participate in special presentations, field trips, and plenty of hands-on crafts and projects.

Please see the Summer Activity Calendar at your home site for a complete listing of summer activities.

Q: **Are there Field Trips during the Summer?**

A: Yes. Vacation Station takes field trips. Please see the summer activity calendar at your summer site for field trip information.

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Q: **Can my child attend Vacation Station and also FHSD Summer Programs such as Summer Success, ESY, or Summer Camps?**

A: Yes, if you are enrolled in both Vacation Station and another FHSD Summer program, your tuition will be discounted on the dates your child attends the FHSD Summer Programs. Your Program Coordinator will provide a Dual Enrollment VS FHSD Summer Program form if your child will attend multiple programs this summer.

Q: **Will transportation be provided from my home VS site to the FHSD Summer Programs?**

A: Transportation will be provided to and from your home VS to the FHSD Summer Program site for the Summer Success and ESY programs. Please indicate the need to access transportation when you complete enrollment for these programs.

Summer camps are enrichment programs and transportation is not provided by the school district. If you would like to attend a Summer Camp and Vacation Station, contact the VS Business Office to inquire about attending VS at the site hosting Summer Camps during your camp week. You may also choose to provide transportation to and from your home site for your child to an FHSD Enrichment program. Your child may attend their home site VS before the first date of the enrichment camp and return to their home VS site after the last date the enrichment concludes. Talk to your Program Coordinator to arrange dual enrollment.

Q: **What do most 5th graders do over the Summer?**

A: We encourage all children entering 6th grade to enroll in our QUEST program.

QUEST is FHSD's summer middle school program for children entering in 6th, 7th and 8th grade. It is held at one of the FHSD middle school's over the summer. Children participating in this program are offered a variety of hands-on enrichment activities, service learning opportunities, sports activities, and more. All activities are specific to their age group. To find out more about QUEST, call the Vacation Station Business Office at 636-851-6326.