



Journey to Learning Summer Programming
2026 Frequently Asked Questions
Grades K-8

I received a letter inviting my child to Journey to Learning summer instruction. Is there anything else I need to do?

YES. The letter serves as an invitation to register but families **MUST** complete the registration form in order to confirm their student's participation.

If I choose not to register my student for Journey to Learning, will this impact their ability to transition to the 26-27 school year?

Not at all! Journey to Learning is a completely voluntary opportunity. While the District is recommending them for participation, there is no penalty for not participating.

This program was FREE a few years ago. Why am I being charged a fee in 2026?

Between 2020-2023, our District was able to utilize Federal funds which allowed us to cover the course fees for all participants. School districts no longer have access to those funds which is why we have returned to a fee structured which we utilized prior to 2020.

If my student receives free/reduced meals during the school year, do I still have to pay the course fees?

No. Students who are a part of our free or reduced meal program do not have to pay the summer course fees. Please make sure to indicate this by checking "YES" on the registration form.

My student has an IEP, and was also referred for Journey to Learning. Does this mean they are receiving Extended School Year (ESY) services?

No. ESY is an IEP service that is outlined in a student's IEP, as agreed-upon by the IEP team. Journey to Learning Reading and Math Improvement courses provide small group instruction, but are not intended to replace a child's IEP services. If you are unsure about your child's participation, please contact their Intervention Specialist or IEP team.

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Our family is taking a vacation during the month of June. Should I still register my student for Journey to Learning?

Barring illness or emergency, full-time attendance is encouraged for Journey to Learning. Students with planned absences lasting 2 or more consecutive days should not register for Journey to Learning.

What information was used to determine my student's invitation? Does this mean they need special education?

District curriculum experts reviewed students' MAP scores, Acadience reading scores, as well as performance and/or projected proficiency on Ohio State Tests. An invitation to Journey to Learning does NOT mean that a student's school team suspects a disability.

If I register my student, but then change my mind, what should I do?

Please email us at journey2learning@gjps.org and we will be happy to assist you.