



2026 Summer School Frequently Asked Questions

Why would I take Summer School classes in Summer?

Summer School classes mainly support three different needs:

- **Credit Retrieval Students** are students who failed a course during the school year and want to make-up the credit by retaking the same class.
 - Student has already taken the exact class previously
 - Grade will replace previous grade in GPA calculation
 - Previous grade will stay on transcript
 - Student will be able to utilize pre-test function which can allow a student to demonstrate areas of mastery and move more quickly through the course
- **Initial Credit Students** are students who want to take a 0.5 credit/1 semester class for the first time in order to accelerate or get ahead in credits.
 - Student taking the class for the first time can NOT do pre-tests
 - Requests to take more than one initial credit class will need administrative approval
 - If a student is credit deficient
 - Can be given priority when signing up for summer school
 - Taking class will open up space in future semesters for other classes
- **Extension Students** are students who were enrolled in an online course during the school year and didn't quite finish. These students can "extend" their coursework into the summer session for a \$25 fee. If the course is not completed before June 29th, they must begin attending in-person Summer School on June 29th.
- Students must attend Orientation on Monday, June 29th, and are **required to attend in-person** summer school every day until their coursework and final exams are complete.

What are the classes like?

Summer School classes in the Sumner-Bonney Lake School District are run through an online platform called EdOptions. All course content, assignments, exams, etc. are in an online format. Course content aligns to Washington State Learning Standards and meets our expectations for rigorous coursework.

What classes can I take?

There is a range of course options for students, but students should work with their counselor to ensure their course selection aligns with their graduation credit needs. Please see the online registration form for the full list of options.

Who can attend?

Summer School is for Sumner-Bonney Lake School District students whose 2025-2026 grade level was 8-12.

When is Summer School?

Summer School 2026 begins on Monday, June 29th and ends Thursday, July 30th. School is in session Monday through Thursday from 8:00AM-11:00AM. **Registration for Summer School will open by 8:00AM Monday, May 4th. The last day for registration is Monday, June 22nd.**

Where is Summer School held?

Summer School is held at **Sumner High School** (1707 Main Street, Sumner, WA) but is open to all Sumner and Bonney Lake High School students.

What does it cost to attend?

- Credit Retrieval/Initial Credit: \$100 registration fee for the entire Summer School session
 - Qualified for reduced-price lunch (application has been submitted): \$50 registration fee for the entire Summer School session
 - Qualified for free lunch (application has been submitted): \$25 registration fee for the entire Summer School session
- Extension Students: \$25 fee

What are the attendance requirements?

Past experience has taught us that attendance and daily progress are critical for success in Summer School! **All students must attend Orientation on the first day of Summer School (June 29th)--this is mandatory for enrollment and participation in Summer School.**

- Students are **required to attend in-person every day**, Monday through Thursday, while Summer School is in session. **Students can miss up to four days (excused or unexcused). If a fifth day is missed, the student will be dropped from Summer School with no refund. The student's grade at the time of being dropped will be on his or her official transcript.**
- Extension Students must follow the above attendance rules based on whether they are taking Credit Retrieval or Initial Credit. They must also attend Orientation on Monday, June 29th. Credit Retrieval and Initial Credit Extension Students are **required to attend in-person** summer school every day until their coursework and final exams are complete.

The classes are self-paced, so a student can (and should) work on the course at any time from home in addition to the required attendance days. It is also important to note that once a student finishes the entire course (all coursework and the final exam), they do not have to continue coming to class. Many students work extra hard to finish early, so that they do not have to attend classes into late July. If you have vacations planned, Summer School is likely not the best fit, and you will want to discuss other options with your student's counselor.

Is transportation provided?

Limited bus transportation is available for students. Bus stops may vary from the typical school year locations and may be updated depending on student enrollment. Please note in the appropriate place on the registration form if bus transportation is needed.

Is lunch offered?

Lunch is not provided or available for purchase during Summer School. Students may want to bring snacks to help them get through the three-hour day! Students are **not** allowed to leave campus for food during summer school hours, so please plan accordingly.

Who teaches Summer School?

The official teacher of record is an online instructor hired by EdOptions. This teacher will communicate via email, phone, and text through the EdOptions system in support of student learning, but is not on site. On site, we have Online Learning Managers who will help monitor student progress, supervise students in attendance, and communicate with students and families regarding deadlines and progress. For the most part, a student's only content-area support is through the long-distance online teacher. Students who are successful are highly motivated and willing to self-advocate if they begin to struggle.

How many classes can I take in Summer School?

- Students can take **ONE** 0.5 credit (one semester) class at a time.
 - **For most students, completion of a 0.5 credit course will take the entire summer school five-week session.**
- Highly motivated Credit Retrieval Students who complete their first 0.5 credit/1 semester course by Monday, July 13th may then enroll in a second 0.5 credit/1 semester course which must be completed by Thursday, July 30th.
- Initial Credit Students may only take one 0.5 credit/1 semester course through our Summer School program, unless given Summer School administrative approval.

Do I have to take the whole Summer School course or can I just finish part of the class and still pass?

In order to receive credit for any Summer School class, students must complete all coursework and the final by 11:00AM on Thursday, July 30th. Students who do not finish the class receive zeros for all missing coursework and exams, which typically leads to a very low grade (often an F). **It is important that students finish all parts of the course.**

How do Summer School classes impact my transcript and GPA?

Summer School classes are real classes with real grades attached. Any class taken during Summer School will appear on the student's official high school transcript with the grade earned for the class. This includes students previously in grade 8.

All coursework and the final exam must be completed for EdOptions to issue a grade. If a student does not complete the class, a grade of "F" will be posted to the official high school transcript.

- Credit Retrieval and Transcripts: Once a course/grade is posted to a transcript, it cannot be removed. If a student fails a course and takes Credit Retrieval in Summer School, the failed course will still appear on the transcript but the grade will no longer calculate into the cumulative GPA. The

new course will be added to the transcript, and the new grade will be calculated into the cumulative GPA.

- Initial Credit and Transcripts: Once a course/grade is posted to a transcript, it cannot be removed. When students take a class in Summer School for Initial Credit, it is placed on the transcript the same way the course would be if it was taken during the regular school year.

What if I want to retrieve credit for an advanced course (Honors, Pre-AP, IB or AP)?

We do not offer any advanced courses during Summer School. If a student wants to take the Summer School course in order to get a credit for a failed advanced course, they may do so for credit purposes only. The grade for the summer course will *not* replace the advanced course since it is not the same class.

What are the rules and expectations for behavior?

Summer School operates under the same rules, guidelines, and expectations that we have during the regular school year. It is expected that students are respectful of self, staff, and students. Please see the registration form for the specific Summer School Learning Agreement.

What if I start a Summer School class and decide it's not for me? Can I drop the class?

Students who start Summer School and decide not to continue can drop the course, but there are certain deadlines that guide possible refunds and overall transcript consequences.

- If a student initially registers but decides to drop before actually starting the course (on or before Monday, June 29th), they will receive a full refund and nothing is posted to the student's transcript.
- If a student drops on or before Monday, July 13th, they will receive a 50% refund and a "W" will be posted to the student's transcript.
- If a student drops after Monday, July 13th, there is no refund and an "F" will be posted to the student's transcript.

How do I know if attending Summer School is the right choice?

Summer School requires a high level of commitment and motivation. Students who typically are successful work in the online program beyond the required school days and are willing to self-advocate if they reach content that is extra challenging. These students show up on time for school each day and are productive throughout the three hours of work time. If a student is committed to retrieving credit or earning an initial 0.5 credit and willing to work in an online environment, Summer School is a great option. **If you have a busy summer schedule (such as full-time work, family vacations, summer camps, etc.), Summer School may not be the best fit, and you will want to discuss other credit retrieval/initial credit options with your counselor.** We also do not recommend doubling up on summer programs (for example, if a student is enrolling in Pierce County Skills Center classes, we highly recommend they do not also enroll in Summer School).

I've decided I want to give this Summer School thing a try. How do I sign up?

There are several steps to the registration process, all to ensure that everyone has the correct information needed to set you up for Summer School success! **Registration for Summer School will open by 8:00AM Monday, May 4th. The last day for registration is Monday, June 22nd.**

- **Step 1:** Communicate directly with your school counselor to determine which courses are eligible for Summer School and meet your graduation credit needs.
- **Step 2:** Complete the [Online Registration Form](#) to initiate the registration process. There is a *lot* of information collected by the form, all of which is required for us to enroll you in Summer School through EdOptions. The information will only be used for Summer School purposes.
- **Step 3:** Pay the required fees through the following process.
 - Pay by school website
 - Go to your school's website
 - Click "Online Payments"
 - Click "Direct Payment Link"
 - Sign in with your parent Family ID and Password
 - Choose the applicable Summer School student to pay the fee
 - Choose "Pay Fines/Fees"
 - Click the Summer School Fee to pay (this will place the fee in your cart)
 - Click "Check out"
 - Fill in card information and pay now
 - Pay by check/cash in person
 - Pay the required fees to the bookkeeper at your high school.
 - After June 16th, you may pay in person at the district office.
We no longer accept payment over the phone. We have upgraded our payment system to help ensure security and industry compliance, and we are unable to manually enter credit card information.
- **Step 4:** Watch for a confirmation email and communication from your Online Learning Manager and EdOptions about how to login and get started!
- **Step 5:** Attend Orientation on Monday, June 29th and complete all coursework and exams, **in person**, for your class by Thursday, July 30th!