



2026

MERCED CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT Summer Programming Catalog

Wednesday, June 10, 2026 -
Wednesday, July 22, 2026

Please note that further opportunities may be added as
community partner agreements are approved.



PURPOSE

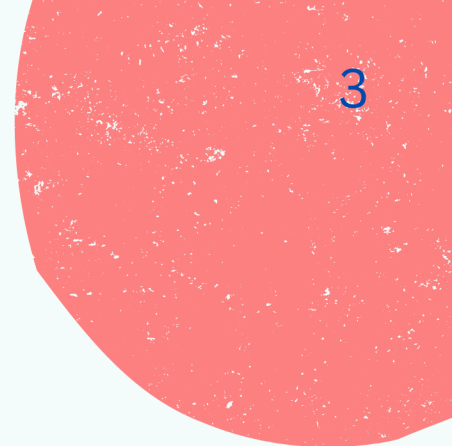
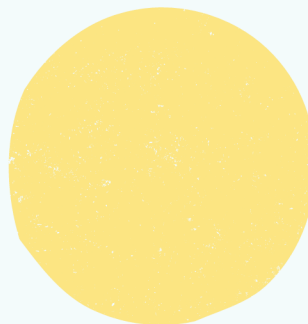
Merced City School District (MCSD) leverages Expanded Learning Opportunities – Program (ELO-P) funding to provide more time to learn during the summer break. MCSD meets the ELO-P minimum requirement to provide 30 days of 9-hour programming during Intercessions and Summer Break by offering **free** programming across three sessions from **June 10, 2026 to July 22, 2026**.

Per California Department of Education guidelines, MCSD Summer programs provide enrichment opportunities that include, but are not limited to: **reading, mathematics, physical education, social-emotional learning, visual arts, technology, and music**. MCSD looks to provide students with excursions and assemblies, too.

Moreover, MCSD partners with a variety of local and regional organizations to provide access to a variety of services that may not otherwise be accessible to our students. Vendors provide services that includes **tutorial and mentorships, athletics, and the arts**.

One of the most important elements to our summer programming is the ability to offer free food to our students. MCSD offers **breakfast, a morning snack, lunch, and an afternoon snack** (depending on the duration students are in program). MCSD also **provides transportation** when requested and when available.

MCSD supports all students in accessing programming as it strives to provide the supports to meet student needs.



DESIGNATED SCHOOL

Please use this table below as a guide to navigate which student your child will be attending for summer school, based on their current school for the 2025–26 school year.

Site	Feeder Schools
Rivera Elementary	Rivera ES, Franklin, Fremont, Stefani, Rivera MS
Chenoweth	Chenoweth, Peterson, Burbank, Cruickshank MS
Sheehy	Sheehy, Gracey, Reyes, Tenaya MS
Stowell	Stowell, Wright, Givens, Muir, Hoover MS

2026 MCSD PROGRAM SUMMER LOCATIONS

All three sessions will be held at the following locations:

- **Chenoweth Elementary**
- **Rivera Elementary**
- **Sheehy Elementary**
- **Stowell Elementary**

MCSD PARTNER PROGRAM SUMMER LOCATIONS

MCSD will partner with vendors that will host their programs at other sites within the district and across the city:

- **Tenaya Middle School**
- **Hoover Middle School**
- **Rivera Middle School**
- **Cruickshank Middle School**
- **UC Merced**
- **Kids Discovery Station**
- **Boys & Girls Club of Merced**
- **& More**

Merced City School District (MCSD) Session 1 begins on Wednesday, June 10 and ends on Tuesday, June 16, 2026. Session 2 begins on Wednesday, June 17 and ends on Friday, July 17, 2026. Session 3 begins on Monday, July 20 and ends on Wednesday, July 22, 2026. The summer program is broken up into three (3) sessions. Splitting the summer into three sessions allows for our staff to provide support for our students between school years – but also get a well-deserved break, too.

MCSD'S MERCED ACADEMY OF RISING SCHOLARS (M.A.R.S.) PROGRAM

MCSD's MARS is an afterschool program that provides enrichment opportunities until 6:00 pm during the school year. However, during the summer months, MARS provides enrichment across all three (3) summer sessions until 5:30 pm.

MARS is staffed with a Coordinator who oversees four (4) Supervisors who oversee fourteen (14) Site Leads, who support numerous MARS Instructional Aides. The caring staff implement enrichment curriculum that promotes hands-on and social-emotional learning opportunities in a safe environment. Part of this program includes an assembly and a local excursion.

During **Session 1** the MCSD MARS program will run from 7:30 am – 5:30 pm for Sheehy & Stowell and 7:30 am – 5:30 pm for Chenoweth & Rivera ES June 10 – June 16, 2026 (5 days).

The MCSD MARS program shifts back to its afterschool roots during **Session 2**. The same staff provide more time to learn from 1:55 pm – 5:30 pm for Sheehy & Stowell and 2:10 pm – 5:30 pm for Chenoweth & Rivera ES June 17 – July 17, 2026.

In **Session 3**, July 20–July 22, 2026 (3 days), the MARS program provides all-day enrichment – just like in Session 1. The program runs from 7:30 am – 5:30 pm for Sheehy & Stowell and 7:30 am – 5:30 pm for Chenoweth & Rivera ES for five (5) days: July 20 – July 22, 2026.

Contact the M.A.R.S. Office for more information: (209) 724-2421

SESSION 1

Session 1 is a 5-day program and will be held from Wednesday, June 10 to Tuesday, June 16, 2026. Session 1 is staffed with our MCSD Merced Academy of Rising Scholars (MARS) staff that includes supervisors, site leads, and instructional aides. Students participate in hands-on learning activities and an excursion.

Start & End Times

Sheehy & Stowell

7:30 am – 5:30 pm

Chenoweth & Rivera ES

7:30 am – 5:30 pm



SESSION 1 OPPORTUNITIES

Programs Starting June 8, 2026

Kids Discovery Station (June 8-June 26)

Location: Kids Discovery Station, 350 W. Yosemite Ave.

8:30 am - 3:30 pm

Grades TK - 4th

More Info



Full, accepting a waitlist

Boys & Girls Club of Merced (June 8-June 30)

Location: 615 West 15th Street

7:30 am - 5:30 pm

Grades TK - 5th

Includes Saturdays

Full, accepting a waitlist

Students With Aspiring Goals (SWAG) (June 8-August 8)

Location: Tenaya Middle School, Corner of 8th and P Street

8:30 am - 1:00 pm: 5th - 7th Grade

1:30 pm - 3:30 pm: 3rd - 5th Grade

3:30 pm - 5:30 pm: TK - 2nd Grade

Includes Saturdays

More Info



UC Merced Bobcat Academy (June 8-July 24)

Location: 5200 Lake Road

8:30 am - 3:30 pm

Grades 3-4: Full, accepting a waitlist

Grades 5-7: Spaces open

More Info



S.T.A.R.S. (June 8-July 31)

Location: 740 Canal Street, Merced

8:00am - 5:30 pm

Grades: TK-5

New Opportunity!

SESSION 1 OPPORTUNITIES

Programs Starting June 10, 2026

Merced Academy of Rising Scholars (MARS) Program

Location: At all 4 Summer School Sites

Early Sites: 7:25 am - 5:30 pm

Late Sites: 7:40 am - 5:30 pm

Grades TK - 7th

Full, accepting a waitlist

Programs Starting June 15, 2026

Harvest Park Educational Center

Location: UC Merced

8:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Grades TK - 8th

New Opportunity!

SESSION 2

Session 2 is a 21-day program that begins on Wednesday, June 17 and runs to Friday, July 17, 2026. MCSD increases staffing to include principals, teachers, counselors, librarians, office staff, health assistants, special-ed staff, instructional aides, campus security liaisons, coordinators, supervisors, and noon supervisors. The students will be provided with content aligned to grade-level standards that is substantially equivalent to in-person instruction.

Start & End Times

Sheehy & Stowell

7:25 am – 8:25 am: Sunrise Sports Program

8:25 am – 8:45 am: Breakfast

8:45 am – 1:55 pm: MCSD Summer Academy

1:55 pm – 5:30 pm: MCSD MARS Program

Chenoweth & Rivera ES

7:40 am – 8:40 am: Sunrise Sports Program

8:40 am – 9:00 am: Breakfast

9:00 am – 2:10 pm: MCSD Summer Academy

2:10 pm – 5:30 pm: MCSD MARS Program



SESSION 2 OPPORTUNITIES

Wednesday, June 17 - Tuesday, July 17, 2026

Morning Soccer Camp

Location: At all 4 Summer School Sites

Early Sites: 7:25 am - 8:25 am

Late Sites: 7:40 am - 8:40 am

Grades TK - 7th

Full, accepting a waitlist

MCSO Summer Academy

Location: At all 4 Summer School Sites

Early Sites: 8:45 am - 1:55 pm

Late Sites: 9:00 am - 2:10 pm

Grades TK - 7th

Merced Academy of Rising Scholars (MARS) Program

Location: At all 4 Summer School Sites

Early Sites: 1:55 pm - 5:30 pm

Late Sites: 2:10 pm - 5:30 pm

Grades TK - 7th

Full, accepting a waitlist

UC Merced Bobcat Academy

Location: 5200 Lake Road

8:30 am - 3:30 pm

Grades 3-4: Full and accepting a waitlist

Grades 5-7: Spaces open

SESSION 2 OPPORTUNITIES

Wednesday, June 17 - Tuesday, July 17, 2026

Twisters Volleyball Camp

Locations: Hoover Middle School Gym

Tenaya Middle School Gym

Cruickshank Middle School Gym - full, accepting a waitlist

Rivera Middle School Gym - full, accepting a waitlist

3:00 pm - 5:00 PM

Grades 2nd - 7th

S.T.A.R.S. (June 8-July 31)

Location: 740 Canal Street, Merced

8:00am - 5:30 pm

Grades: TK-5

New Opportunity!

Harvest Park Educational Center (June 15-July 31)

Location: UC Merced

8:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Grades TK - 8th

New Opportunity!

Monday, July 6th - Tuesday, July 17, 2026

School Yard Rap R.A.P. Camp

Location: Rivera Middle School

2:00 pm - 6:00 PM

Grades TK - 7th

More Info



SESSION 3

Session 3 is a 3-day program that starts on Monday, July 20 and ends on Wednesday, July 22. Similar to Session 1, Session 3 is staffed with our MCSD Merced Academy of Rising Scholars (MARS) staff that includes supervisors, site leads, and instructional aides. Students participate in hands-on learning activities.

Start & End Times

Sheehy & Stowell:

7:30 am – 5:30 pm

Chenoweth & Rivera ES

7:30 am – 5:30 pm



SUMMER ACADEMY ENROLLMENT TOOL

BUILD YOUR STUDENT'S SCHEDULE

Please note that this is a tool and actual registration will be available online.

Student Information: Student Name: _____

Current Grade: _____ Current School: _____ Summer School: _____

Session 1: Early Summer Full Day (Week of June 10-16) - 5 days total

7:30 AM - 5:30 PM	M.A.R.S. Full Day	☐ Enroll
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Session 2: Build Your Mid-Summer Daily Schedule - 21 days total

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9:00 AM - 2:10 PM	Session 2A: "Traditional" Summer Academy	☐ Enroll
2:10 PM - 5:30PM	Session 2B: M.A.R.S. Afterschool	☐ Enroll
2:00 PM - 6:00PM	School Yard Rap	☐ Enroll
3:00PM - 5:00PM	Twisters Volleyball	☐ Enroll

Session 3: Late Summer Full Day (Week of July 20-22) - 3 days total

7:30 AM - 5:30 PM	M.A.R.S. Full Day	☐ Enroll
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Session 3: Late Summer Full Day (Week of July 20-22) - 3 days total

7:30 AM - 5:30 PM	M.A.R.S. Full Day	☐ Enroll
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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. How do I register for summer opportunities?

- a. Please go to <https://bit.ly/MCSDMARSPROGRAMS> for registration or scan the QR code below.
- b. You will need to register your student for **every** program individually; you can register multiple students at once.
- c. Registration is open: March 16, 2026 - May 1, 2026; we will take a waitlist after May 1, 2026.



2. What grade should I register my student under?

- a. Please register your student using their current 25-26 school year grade and school.

3. Will transportation be provided?

- a. Yes; please be sure to say 'Yes' to the transportation question on 6Crickets. Our transportation department will use this information to make routes for the summer.

4. Where will I find transportation routes for summer?

- a. When routes are ready (usually the week before the program begins) the district will post the routes on the district website (mercedcsd.org) as well as Parent Square.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

5. What are we offering for Summer through MCSD?

- a. Session 1 - All day enrichment program ; June 10 - June 16
- b. Session 2A - 'Traditional' Summer Academy with Certificated Teachers ; June 17 - July 17
- c. Session 2B - Summer afterschool enrichment program ; June 17 - July 17
- d. Session 3 - All day enrichment program ; July 20 - July 22

6. Do my students need to attend all sessions/offerings?

- a. No. If your student cannot attend all days, please be sure to let the summer academy or MARS office know.

7. Are there any close days where there won't be MCSD Summer Programming?

- a. MCSD Summer Programming will be closed on June 19th (Juneteenth) and July 3rd (in observance of July 4th).
- b. If your student is in any other summer programming (i.e. UC Merced, BGCM, etc.), please check with those programs directly to know what their close days are.

8. What if my student wants to enroll in traditional Summer Academy and also wants to participate in School Yard Rap during Session 2?

- a. A student can enroll in both the Summer Academy and School Yard Rap (SYR). They will just leave Summer Academy early to arrive on time at Rivera Middle School, where SYR is held.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

9. When will I know if my student got into a program/session?

- a. We will send emails and Parent Square messages out to families in mid/late May to inform them of enrollment.

10. Can my preschool/TK/K student attend Summer Academy?

- a. PK/new TK/K students will be put on a Google Form list for Summer Academy (Note: they must be a TK/K in the Fall; if they will be preschool in the fall, regardless of age, they cannot attend Summer Academy).
- b. Families will need to call the MARS office to be put onto the Google Form list. If there is availability they will be manually registered on 6Crickets in May, as well as notified that they received a spot.

11. Can my 8th grader attend Summer Academy?

- a. Students that are current 8th graders cannot attend Summer Academy. After 8th grade graduation they are considered high school students.
- j. Students who are current MCSD 7th graders right now and will be MCSD 8th graders in the fall can attend.