



Family Information Related to COVID-19 and School Closures Bulletin #9 - May 19, 2020 (Summer School)

Dear Whitnall Families:

Previously, we shared with you our delay in our summer school registration due to the uncertainty created with safer-at-home orders and DPI rules regarding summer school. While we don't have all the answers, we do want to communicate our schedule so that you can plan accordingly.

We know there are questions around missed learning this year due to the change to a virtual learning environment. During summer, there is also what is referred to as a "summer slide," in which gains during the school year begin to slip without consistent practice, especially in our younger learners. We have three strategies to address both of these: 1) Develop summer school options to both allow extended time for students with incompletes to finish and continue building academic skills in literacy and math, 2) Provide resources for students and families to use during the summer to continue academic engagement, and 3) Develop district assessments we can use at the beginning of 2020-21 to identify gaps in learning at all levels.

Summer School

Summer school this summer will be different than we have previously offered and will not have options for enrichment learning. The restrictions on school buildings and gatherings of students limit our options. We must also begin preparing for reopening school for 2020-21. While we would like to offer more than one summer school session that would extend learning for all K-12 students, we are uncertain if a second session will be offered at this time. We do want to share our plans for our session that will begin on June 15.

Session 1: June 15 - July 3

Focus: Incomplete Grades

This session is for students currently in grades 7-12 and will be in a **virtual environment** due to buildings being closed through June 30 and state guidelines for virtual summer school. Students who have received an incomplete in a course will be recommended to take this summer school session to finish their incomplete grade and demonstrate proficiency in the learning targets for a course. Students may not need the entire time to complete incomplete grades and will no longer need to attend once work is complete.

More details will be shared in the next week or two, including information on summer school registration. We wanted to share basic information and dates at this time so you can plan. In addition, students who may have unique needs and accommodations will be contacted individually.

We hope you are staying safe and healthy. Thank you so much for your continued understanding as we try to navigate changes and adjust our plans. We are extremely appreciative of our Whitnall community.

Stay safe and healthy!

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lisa L. Olson".

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