



Registration:
May 4
through
June 5

ANNOUNCING CENTRALIZED



**MIDDLE SCHOOL PROGRAMS
2009**

In Session:
July 7 – August 7
9:00 a.m- 12:00 p.m.

Students must be enrolled in a Baltimore County public school and be invited by their school principal in order to attend summer school.

First Come - First Served Basis

Only thoroughly completed applications with full payment or waiver information enclosed will be processed. Completed applications will be processed in the order received by the Office of Alternative Education.

Math Steps: (students entering Grade 7 and Grade 8)

This program will use a variety of learning techniques to increase students' abilities to solve mathematical problems. Students will have pre and post test. **Selection Criteria:** Students will enter Grade 7 or 8 in coming school year, score basic level on MSA 5 or MSA 6 in mathematics, have teacher/team recommendation, be willing to participate in summer instruction, and able to attend daily.

Pre-Algebra: (students entering Grade 8)

This rigorous course is designed for students entering Grade 8 who wish to accelerate their mathematics program and enroll in Algebra I. The program includes: operations with integers and rational numbers, solving multi-step equations and inequalities, pattern analysis, ratios, proportions, percent, statistics and data analysis, geometry, measurements, and working with graphing calculators. **Selection Criteria:** Students will enter Grade 8 in coming school year, have teacher/team recommendations, desire to accelerate mathematics program, be willing to participate in summer instruction, and be able to attend daily. **Other Information:** Algebraic Thinking, Part 1, must earn a "B" or better. Scores on Grade 6 MSA must be at proficient level and student must be fluent in arithmetic operations. This course may also be taken by students who have previously taken pre-algebra, but want to improve their foundation in preparation for Algebra I.

Preparing for Algebra: (students entering Grade 9)

Students may participate if they have been identified as below grade level in mathematics or need to review for grade advancement. Students will develop the ability to think algebraically and improve their mathematics skills through group and one-on-one instruction in preparation for Algebra I. Pre- and post-tests will be administered. **Selection Criteria:** Students will enter Grade 9 in the coming school year, scored basic level on MSA 7/8, have teacher/team recommendation, be willing to participate in summer instruction, and able to attend daily.

Reading: (students entering Grades 7, 8, and 9)

Students will use *Comprehension Strategy Instruction (CSI)*, a comprehension program that addresses vocabulary development, comprehension strategy instruction, and writing connections to text. Students will apply comprehension strategies to texts in a variety of content areas (language arts, science, social studies, and math) as well as receive whole group, small group, and individual instruction, practice, and application. Students will be pre- and post-tested. **Selection Criteria:** Students will enter Grade 7, 8, or 9 in the coming school year, score at the basic level on MSA 6 or MSA 7, perform in reading class below 25 on unit tests, have *Reading Recommendation Checklist* scores that are below 70, be willing to participate in summer instruction, and able to attend daily.

Reading/Mathematics Promotion: (students entering Grades 7, 8, and 9)

Reading/Mathematics is a program that supports promotion to the next grade. This program is specifically designed to assist students with essential reading skills and strategies. Students will study *Math Steps*. (Please see the description listed on this page). The courses are designed for students who need summer work for grade advancement. Students will be pre- and post-tested. **Selection Criteria:** Students will enter Grades 7, 8, or 9 in the coming school year, have failed two or more major subjects, have teacher/team recommendations, be willing to participate in summer instruction, and able to attend daily. This course is open to students who scored at the basic level on the MSA reading and/or mathematic tests.

Voyager and Mathematics Review: (students entering Grades 7, 8, and 9)

Voyager/Mathematics supports promotion to the next grade and is based on travel investigations by students. *Voyager/Mathematics* is a high interest program that emphasizes essential reading skills and strategies, by a variety of learning techniques that increases students' abilities to solve mathematical problems. Students study particular time periods by reading, writing, and analyzing both fiction and non-fiction. Students will explore topics from science, social studies, mathematics and language arts. Students will be pre- and post-tested. **Selection Criteria:** Students will enter Grade 7, 8, or 9 in the coming school year, have failed two major subjects, have teacher/team recommendation, be willing to participate in summer instruction, and able to attend daily. Students must be proficient on both the latest MSA reading and MSA mathematics tests.

ESOL: (students entering Grade 6 - 12)

Classes are designed for students entering Grades 6 through 12 with beginning and intermediate English proficiency levels whose first language is not English. Students will practice listening, speaking, reading, and writing English.

Summer School Centers

<i>Central Area</i> Cockeysville MS	<i>Northeast Area</i> Perry Hall MS	<i>Northwest Area</i> New Town HS	<i>Southeast Area</i> General John Stricker MS	<i>Southwest Area</i> Windsor Mill MS
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Dropout Prevention, and
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2009 Summer School Registration Information

Dates and Times

Summer School will begin on **July 7** and end on **August 7**. Class times are 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. daily. Registration information and enrollment forms will be available at students' home schools from May 4 - June 5. Completed enrollment forms with payment must be mailed to the Office of Alternative Education and postmarked no later than June 5. Enrollment is by invitation of the home school principal. **LATE REGISTRATION WILL BE HELD FOR PROMOTIONAL COURSES ONLY (Reading/Mathematics Promotional and Voyager) on June 24, 3:00 p.m. through 5:00 p.m. at the summer school sites.**

Middle School Program Information



Math Steps	\$25.00
Pre-Algebra	\$25.00
Preparing for Algebra	\$25.00
Reading	\$25.00
Reading/Mathematics Promotion	\$175.00
Voyager and Mathematics Review	\$175.00
ESOL	\$25.00



Waiver

Requests for tuition waivers for reduced fees will be approved by the summer school staff for families who meet the qualifications for free/reduced cost lunches, or medical assistance.

Free/Reduced Lunch - 50% waiver of fees

Medical Assistance - 100% waiver of fees - with copy of active MA card



Transportation

Transportation for summer school will be provided by Baltimore County Public Schools. Students will be picked up and dropped off at a Baltimore County public school in their geographical area. **Transportation information must be completed on the registration form.** Please view the *Summer School Transportation List* at www.bcps.org/offices/alted.



Attendance Policy

Students are expected to attend class daily and be on time. A student who has four or more unexcused absences may be withdrawn from the program. Lateness will count toward absences (three days late will constitute one absence).



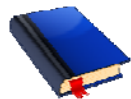
Student Behavior

All students have the right to a safe learning environment. Expectations for student behavior are outlined in the Student Handbook 2008-2009. The policies in the handbook will be enforced during the summer program, on school grounds, on school buses, and at school-sponsored activities.



Special Education and 504 Plans

Students who currently receive special education services or have a 504 plan may register for an appropriate summer school program.



Refund Policy

Requests for refunds must be made to the summer school office (*see below for contact information*) on or before July 7, 2009. **Refunds will be mailed after July 30, 2009.** Refund requests made after July 7, 2009, will be denied.



Report Cards

Students attending centralized summer school will receive a report card that will contain an achievement grade and an effort grade as well as any available assessment data.

Registration

Student Enrollment is limited. Enrollment is by invitation of the home school principal. Parents/guardians are responsible for obtaining, completing, and mailing an approved registration form with full payment (cash, check, money order, MasterCard or Visa), postmarked no later than June 5, 2009, to the Office of Alternative Education. Checks returned by the bank for non-payment will be reported to the State's Attorney, if collection fails.

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