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St. Helens School District Offers Summer Enrichment Programs

In an effort to combat the lost learning opportunities brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic, the State Legislature established a non-competitive grant program for summer learning through [House Bill 5042A](#). Participating schools could apply for funding to offer enrichment programs for kindergarten through eighth grade students and high school credit for ninth through twelfth grade students.

The St. Helens School District is thrilled to be able to receive the funding needed to provide additional enrichment activities to serve and engage our district students during the summer months.

Currently, we are offering 27 different programs over an 8-week period for students K-8. Middle School students have four programs in which to choose from and high school students have ten programs to choose from and can even earn high school credit in the Credit Recovery Program. Many high school students also have the opportunity to participate and mentor younger students in the K-8 programs.

We are starting our third week of camps and our number of participants is growing exponentially!

We are excited for this opportunity to learn, grow, and make memories together!

K-8 PROGRAMS:

Baseball Camp

Baseball camp working on all aspects of the game: Pitching, Hitting, Defense and skill work. Team building activities and SH baseball program philosophies taught.

Fact Fluency

Practice basic addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division facts through games and hands-on activities. Students will be taught strategies and games to increase their math fact fluency. Students will have the opportunity to create some make and take games to continue to practice and play at home with their families!

Robotics Camp

Students will use STEM practices to build robotic components and use chrome books to code movement and purposes. This is a fun, introductory class using VEX GO robotic kits and lesson plans, adapted for our purpose. The High School Robotics team, SHREK, has been invited to demonstrate their robots and possibly have a member or two volunteer to help, especially on coding days.



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Running Camp

Running, supplemental exercises and stretches, field games, team building exercises, and brief lessons covering running related topics.

Coding and Robotics

Participants will have the opportunity to learn computer coding including sequencing, loops, events, conditionals, functions and variables using virtual coding that can be seen in real time with Dash robots.

Nature Journaling and Water Coloring

This is a fantastic activity to get students to relax and observe nature closely. Students will explore the use of different art techniques while enjoying the outdoors. We will bring art, science, writing, and creativity together!

Soccer Camp

A camp focused on a fun soccer experience that helps improve techniques, skills, and understanding of the game.

Track Camp

Introduction to Track and Field with time at the end each day to try something new. The camp will conclude with a Decathlon style meet.

Tennis Camp

This is a general tennis camp that will work on basic skills. Forehands, backhands, and serves. We will practice all swings, play games, and run drills.

Golf Camp

Full swing and short game mechanics and fun individual and team games!

Disc Golf

Brief discussion of the rules and learning the basics of putting, driving, and approach shots.

Home Economics

Provide students with the opportunity to learn rudimentary skills that can be translated into their home and everyday life. Students will participate in activities such as gardening, sewing, baking and crafting.

3D Digital Design (Session 1)

Students will learn the basics and explore different programs to use for 3D Digital Art and use 3D Printers to build their creations and problem solve to find solutions.

3D Digital Design (Session 2)

Students will learn the basics and explore different programs to use for 3D Digital Art and use 3D Printers to build their creations and problem solve to find solutions.

Build It

Students come and have different building challenges using various building toys.

Reading Made Simple

Students advance through well-developed literacy continuums as they master essential skills needed to achieve reading proficiency. Students work their way



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through an organized and progressive series of “jobs” using hands-on literacy materials.

Band Camp

Summer Band Camp for Band students entering 8th, 9th, or 10th grade. Just a fun opportunity to make up for this past year of not being able to play together as a group.

PE Camp

An opportunity to get together with other kids and exercise! We will use lots of different PE equipment and play many different PE games/activities.

Football Camp

Basic introduction to football including techniques, drills, and games.

Pollinators

As a participant in this camp, you will learn about the amazing honeybee. You will explore the lifecycle of this hardworking little insect, learn about threats to the hive, and practice finding the queen bee among the masses. You will make crafts using beeswax, taste test different types of honey, and even make your own lip balm.

STEAM Play

Each day will be a different theme; Ocean, Glow in the Dark, Dinosaurs, and Edible Engineering. Each session will include a story, a science project, art project and a physical activity.

Reading, Writing, and Regulation

Each day students will have an opportunity to enjoy a Mo Willems book, discuss emotions, be introduced to the Zones of Regulation and the use of calming strategies; practice their writing skills, through journaling - while also having time to work cooperatively with peers through play and exploration.

Fun with Phonics

Focus on phonics and reading with games and art projects that pair with books.

Phonics 2

Engage students in phonics activities that feel more like play than work. We will begin by introducing students, as a whole group, to a variety of hands on, emergent reading activities and games. Students will have a short opportunity to try each activity as it is introduced. Once all the activities have been introduced and initially practiced, students will have the remainder of the time to engage with the activities of their choice. During this time we will be able to differentiate with specific intervention activities and games. We will work with students in small groups who need support and allow independent practice time for those who are at higher levels.

Read Well Jump Start

4 day reading camp for incoming first grade students aimed at giving them a jump start to the school year!

Hands on With Science and Art

Explore STEAM concepts through hands-on challenges and activities! Students will dig into a variety of gadgets, games, and tools to touch on each area of STEAM.



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Swim Camp

Swimmers will learn all four competitive strokes as well as starts and turns. Swimmers must be able to swim with their face in the water unassisted.

MIDDLE SCHOOL PROGRAMS:

Find yourself in St. Helens

Use the magic of maps navigation, and history to explore the local area and discover new places.

Movement into Movies

This class will allow you to learn, practice, and execute different physical movements and then use STEAM technology to record and bring these movements to life through animation!

Exploration of Home

Students will use scientific inquiry and a variety of writing modes to learn and reflect on what home means to all of us.

High School Success

Students will be learning about tools and resources to be successful their 9th grade year. Topics include forecasting on leadership, getting involved and learning basic high school concepts (GPA, credits, graduation requirements, extracurricular activities etc.) through experiential activities and classroom lessons.

HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAMS:

Agile Mind Academic Youth Development

Integrating social emotional learning with challenging mathematics and real-world problem solving.

Concert Band

Sound Engineering/Voice Over

Auto 2

Intro to Weightlifting

Advanced Conditioning

Painting

Ceramics

Digital Photography

Credit Recovery

All core subject areas.

Sports Camps

Most camps have HS students supporting the K-8 students.