



**Office of Curriculum & Instruction**  
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Dear SOMSD Families,

This has truly been a school year like no other. Our students, staff, administration and community experienced learning in ways we never have before. While there have been many successes we realize there have been challenges along the way as well. Because of that, we have been working on creating as many summer opportunities for our students as possible. After reviewing the data from the tremendous response to our Summer Interest Survey we were able to create programs that will meet the needs of our SOMSD students in order to better prepare them for the upcoming school year.

This summer will also bring about the exciting start to our highly anticipated renovation projects across the District. Some of our District buildings (Clinton, Jefferson, Seth Boyden, & Tuscan) will be undergoing renovations throughout the summer. This will make having every summer program in person a difficult task, but we are committed to using every available classroom to offer as much in person learning as possible. We are excited that student interest in these summer programs is very high and have been working to fill the necessary positions to accommodate our needs. While we are not capping our student numbers at this time, each registration will be time stamped and each class (excluding CHS credit recovery) will be filled on a first come first serve basis.

We will once again use Community Pass for our summer program registration. Please use this link to begin the process [Community Pass](http://bit.ly/SOMSDCommunitypass) [http://bit.ly/SOMSDCommunitypass]. At this time, there are 95 different course offerings this summer so please take your time to read through these descriptions below and to find the correct school and program for your child. **The deadline for summer program registration is Tuesday, May 25.**

Please note, there is a fee for the credit recovery program and the math advancement summer classes at Columbia. You should contact Assistant Principals, Mr. Woolard ([twoolard@somsd.k12.nj.us](mailto:twoolard@somsd.k12.nj.us)) and STEM Supervisor, Mr. Misbahuddin ([jmisbahu@somsd.k12.nj.us](mailto:jmisbahu@somsd.k12.nj.us)) if you need assistance in this area. **For specific questions related to a summer program, please reach out to the point of contact (i.e. building principal, unless stated otherwise) listed in the chart below for your respective program.**

\*Important - All academic classes are offered in the mornings to allow for students to attend academic classes and music (grades 5-12), book club (grades 3-8) and or STEM design thinking classes (grades 3-8) in the afternoons or evenings. Students may sign up for as many classes as they would like.

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## SOMSD 2021 Summer Programs

- **Parents/Guardians please reach out to the respective Point of Contact(s) listed for each program for any questions/inquiries**

Program	School(s)	Grade Levels	Dates/Times	Program Description	Delivery	Fee
<b>Kindergarten &amp; 1st grade Summer Orientation</b>	Elementary Schools	Kndg - 1st Grade	n/a	→ Information on a late summer orientation program will be emailed over the summer if summer construction is complete.	n/a	n/a
<b>Learning Jubilee Programs</b>  <i>Point of Contact:</i> Building Principals for respective schools	Clinton, Jefferson, Marshall, South Mountain & Tuscan	2nd - 5th	→ July 6 - 30 → 8:30am - 12:30pm	Focus for the program: → Review content from the 2020-21 school year → Social Emotional Learning → Transitioning back to school → Art and/or Movement → 5th grade will have some math acceleration content included	In-Person Dependent on Available Rooms	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Seth Boyden Rising Stars</b>  <i>Point of Contact:</i> Building Principal, Shannon Glander	Seth Boyden (only open to SB students)	Current Kndg - 5th	→ July 6 - 30 → 8:30am - 12:30pm	Focus for the Program: → Building schema → Review of content from the 2020-2021 School Year → Academic Intervention Services for ELA and Math → Social Emotional Learning → Art, Music, PE, Gardening, Outdoor Experiences → 5th grade will have some math acceleration content included	In-Person	<b>\$0</b>

<p><b>3rd - 8th Grades Summer Book Club</b></p> <p><i>Point of Contact:</i> Department Supervisor, Dr. Jane Bean-Folkes</p> <p><b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:jbean@somsd.k12.nj.us">jbean@somsd.k12.nj.us</a></p>	n/a	3rd - 8th grade students	<p>→ July 6 - 29</p> <p>→ 1x per week Tuesday - Thursday (Teacher will decide the day)</p> <p>→ 3:30pm - 4:30pm or 6:30pm - 7:30pm</p>	<p>Focus for the Program:</p> <p>→ Teacher led Book Club</p> <p>→ Book Club Topic can vary. For example: A focus on Social Justice or Culturally Relevant Subjects</p> <p>→ Goal - to promote Love of Reading While Reading Strategies are Reinforced</p>	Virtual Only	\$0
<p><b>3rd - 8th Grades STEM Design Thinking Project</b></p> <p><i>Point of Contact:</i> Curriculum &amp; Instruction Department</p> <p><b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:abodnar@somsd.k12.nj.us">abodnar@somsd.k12.nj.us</a></p>	n/a	3rd - 8th grade students	<p>→ July 6 - 29</p> <p>→ 1x per week Tuesday - Thursday (Teacher will decide the day)</p> <p>→ 3:30pm - 4:30pm or 6:30pm - 7:30pm</p>	<p>Focus for the Program:</p> <p>→ Design thinking workshops support grade level concepts, build empathy, inspire creativity, create meaningful hands-on learning experiences and encourage reflection and revision</p>	Virtual Only	\$0
<p><b>*5th - 11th Grades Summer Music Program</b></p> <p><i>Point of Contact:</i> Department Supervisor, James Manno</p> <p><b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:jmanno@somsd.k12.nj.us">jmanno@somsd.k12.nj.us</a></p> <p><i>*Participating instrumental music students will need to have their own instrument available for use in the program</i></p>	Columbia High School	Incoming 5th graders thru - 12th grade students	<p>→ July 6 - 30</p> <p>→ Mon., - Fri., 9am - 12:00pm or 1:15pm - 4:15pm as scheduled per ensemble &amp; level</p>	<p>Focus for the Program:</p> <p>→ Give students experience performing in an ensemble, and provide beginner students with the opportunity to receive in person individual/small group instruction</p> <p><b>Performances:</b></p> <p>→ Tue., July 20, Elementary</p> <p>→ Wed., July 2, Middle School</p> <p>→ Thur., July 22, CHS</p>	In Person	\$0

<p><b>Maplewood Middle School (MMS) Summer Program</b></p> <p><i>Point of Contact:</i> Building Principal, Dara Gronau</p>	MMS	Current 6th graders - 8th	→ July 6 - 30 → 8:30am - 12:30pm	Focus for the Program: → Student Voice → Review of content from the 2020-21 School Year → Academic Intervention Services → Social Emotional Learning → Outdoor Experiences → Arts Integration → Partnership with Maplewood Library	In-Person	\$0
<p><b>South Orange Middle School (SOMS) Summer Program</b></p> <p><i>Point of Contact:</i> Building Principal, Lynn Irby</p>	SOMS	Current 6th graders - 8th	→ July 6 - 30 → 8:30am - 12:30pm	Focus for the Program: → Review of content from the 2020-21 School Year → Social Emotional Learning → Outdoor Experiences → Dance Integration	In-Person	\$0
<p><b>MMS &amp; SOMS Summer Bridge Programs (BY INVITATION ONLY)</b></p> <p><i>Point of Contact:</i> Building Principals</p> <p>Dara Gronau, MMS  E: <a href="mailto:dgronau@somsd.k12.nj.us">dgronau@somsd.k12.nj.us</a></p> <p>Lynn Irby, SOMS  E: <a href="mailto:lrby@somsd.k12.nj.us">lrby@somsd.k12.nj.us</a></p>	Maplewood Middle School  South Orange Middle School	Current 5th graders	→ Aug 23 - 27 → 8:30am - 12:30pm	Focus for the Program: → Virtual and in-person school tours → Meet and connect with staff → Middle school study and organizational skills → Community building → Preview early unit topics → Learn what to expect the first week of school	In-Person	\$0
<p><b>English Language Learner Summer Program [BY INVITATION ONLY]</b></p>		Current K - 12th	→ July 6 - 29 → Grades K- 8: > 9am - 12pm	Focus for the Program: → ELL summer enrichment program	In-Person	\$0

<p><b>Point of Contact:</b> Department Supervisor, Dr. Ramon Robles</p> <p><b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:rrobles@somsd.k12.nj.us">rrobles@somsd.k12.nj.us</a></p>			<p>→ *Grades 9 - 12: &gt; 12pm - 3pm</p> <p><i>*The high school schedule will be flexible to allow ELLs to participate in some of the other summer programs offered at CHS</i></p>	<p>→ Reinforce skills taught throughout the school year</p> <p>→ Develop the four basic language skills:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ reading</li> <li>→ writing</li> <li>→ listening</li> <li>→ speaking</li> </ul>		
<p><b>CHS Credit Recovery Program</b></p> <p><b>Point of Contact:</b> Assistant Principal, Terry Woolard</p> <p><b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:twoolard@somsd.k12.nj.us">twoolard@somsd.k12.nj.us</a></p>	Columbia High School	Current 9th - 12th Graders who have failed 1 or more classes	<p>→ July 6 - Aug 13</p> <p>→ 8:30am - 1:30pm</p>	<p>Focus for the Program:</p> <p>→ Attend summer school for credit</p> <p><b>Cost</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ Quarter Class: \$90</li> <li>→ Semester Class \$150</li> <li>→ Full Year Class \$300</li> </ul>	In-Person	<p><b>Cost: \$90; \$150 and \$300</b> <i>(please see program description for more information)</i></p>
<p><b>CHS Math Advancement</b></p> <p><b>Courses offered:</b> Algebra 1, Geometry and Algebra 2</p> <p><b>Point of Contact:</b> Department Supervisor, Jameel Misbahuddin</p> <p><b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:jmisbahu@somsd.k12.nj.us">jmisbahu@somsd.k12.nj.us</a></p>	Columbia High School	Current 8th graders - 12th	<p>→ June 28 - July 30</p> <p>→ 8:15am - 2:15pm</p>	<p>Focus for the Program:</p> <p>→ Successful completion of a course over the summer allows the student to enroll in the next math course in the sequence this fall. Credit and GPA will be on CHS Transcript</p> <p>→ *Cost: \$350 - Scholarships are available for students with demonstrated financial need.</p> <p>→ Full letter here: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/3nhumte4">https://tinyurl.com/3nhumte4</a></p>	Virtual Only	<p><b>Cost: *\$350</b> <i>(please see program description for more information)</i></p>
<p><b>CHS AP Chemistry Prep Class</b></p> <p><b>Point of Contact:</b> Department Supervisor, Jameel Misbahuddin</p>	Columbia High School	Current 10th & 11th	<p>Students choose between two 3-week sessions:</p> <p>→ July 12 - 30 <i>(or)</i> → Aug 2 - 20</p>	<p>Focus for the Program:</p> <p>→ AP Chemistry at CHS covers two years of content. We offer this classes to go over</p>	Virtual Only	<p><b>Cost: *\$50</b> <i>(see program description for more information)</i></p>

<p><b>Email:</b>  <a href="mailto:jmisbahu@somsd.k12.nj.us">jmisbahu@somsd.k12.nj.us</a></p>			<p>→ Classes meet 2 hours daily</p>	<p>introductory content and help with the summer assignment</p> <p>→ *Scholarships are available for students with demonstrated financial need.</p> <p>→ Click here for letter: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/wen962dt">https://tinyurl.com/wen962dt</a></p>		
<p><b>Columbia High School Cougar Prep</b>  <b>[BY INVITATION ONLY]</b></p> <p><b>Point of Contact:</b>  CHS, Assistant Principal Cheryline Hewitt</p> <p><b>Email:</b>  <a href="mailto:chewitt@somsd.k12.nj.us">chewitt@somsd.k12.nj.us</a></p>	<p>Columbia High School</p>	<p>Current 8th graders  <i>(Transition on program for incoming 9th graders)</i></p>	<p>→ June 28 - July 19  → 9am - 12pm</p>	<p>Focus for the Program:</p> <p>→ Cougar Prep provides academic and social skill development to students. Students participate in review of skills, strategies, and content and become familiar with high school staff and CHS expectations.</p> <p>→ Students participate in live instruction in English Language Arts and Algebra I. They receive 1.25 high school credits upon successful completion of the program. No more than three days absent are allowed.</p> <p>→ Students participate in structured positive skill building activities and groups offered by the LOFT.</p>	<p>In-Person</p>	<p><b>\$0</b></p>
<p><b>9th - 12th Grades Extended 4th Quarter</b></p> <p><b>Point of Contact:</b>  CHS Assistant Principal,</p>	<p>Columbia High School</p>	<p>Current 9th - 12 grade students</p>	<p>→ July 6 - 30  → 8:30am - 12:30pm &amp;/OR 6:00pm - 8:00pm</p>	<p>Focus for the Program:</p> <p>→ Give students an opportunity to increase their D- to</p>	<p>In-Person and Virtual</p>	<p><b>\$0</b></p>

Terry Woolard <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:twoolard@somsd.k12.nj.us">twoolard@somsd.k12.nj.us</a>			(based on enrollment)	C- 4th quarter grade. → Students may take up to 2 classes during the summer		
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