

Huntsville City Schools Summer School 2018 Frequently Asked Questions

A Resource for Parents, Students, and Schools

Summer School Dates: June 4- June 29, 2018

Location: Lee High School

Time: M-F 8:00 am – 12:00 pm

Lunch: 11:30 am – 12:00 pm

Transportation will be provided to/from the summer school site and the student's home middle/high school. The bus schedule will be posted on the HCS website in the month of May.

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1. Can a student take more than one credit recovery course in summer school?

Yes, while most students will only be able to complete one credit recovery course (especially a core class), it is possible to complete two. The student must finish the first course before beginning the second course.

2. What is the \$25 registration fee for summer school?

The \$25 registration fee per student is required of every non-Title I student who registers for summer school. The fee will reserve a seat for the student and will go toward the license of the online learning platform. If the student is taking 'credit enhancement'- a course to get ahead – that \$25 fee may be put towards the tuition. The \$25 fee also helps the district plan for staffing of the appropriate

number of teachers and site licenses by knowing how many students are planning to attend summer school.

Registration is available at each middle grades school and high school from May 7 – 25, 2018 from 8:30 am until 1:30 pm or online. Fee payments are also accepted during these dates and times at each middle grades school and high school.

3. Is the \$25 refundable?

The \$25 is ONLY refundable if the student signs up for summer school and passes the course during the school year so the course is no longer needed.

4. Can a student take a course to catch up?

Yes, students who are behind in credits may sign up for a course that will catch them up. For example, if a student failed English 9 and then repeated English 9 his/her sophomore year, he/she is behind in English since he/she should now be registering for English 11. That student would need to take the sequential format of English 10 during summer school to get caught up. This situation would not be considered credit enhancement. The student would not pay tuition for that class. The student would however need to enroll in the sequential version of English 10.

5. What is the summer school format?

Summer school will use the online learning approach. Certified teachers will provide assistance to students who will be enrolled in the online learning platform Odysseyware. This is a state accredited credit recovery platform.

6. Do students have to attend the entire month of June?

Students in grades 6-8 are required to attend summer school each day until all course requirements are met. Students in grades 9-12 will have the option to complete course requirements virtually. Students in grades 9-12 will report to Lee High School, the summer school location, to complete midterm and final exams. Students enrolled in Drivers Ed and Health will be required to attend school onsite at Lee High School each day.

7. What about students who failed with less than a 40?

Students who failed a course with less than a 40 are not eligible for credit recovery and must complete the entire course. They will be enrolled in the 'sequential mode' of the program- meaning they will not be able to 'test out' of lessons. Students in sequential mode will complete every lesson in every unit. Students who take a sequential course earn the grade they make.

8. What grade do students earn in credit recovery?

If the student is working in the 'prescriptive' mode of credit recovery – meaning he is testing out of lessons, the highest grade he can earn is a 70. If the student is working in the 'sequential' mode of credit recovery, the student earns the actual grade earned. You might have a student who wants to work in the 'sequential' mode even though he failed that class with a 58. That student would earn the actual grade earned if he completes the course in the 'sequential' mode.

9. Can students from outside HCS register for summer school?

Yes, students from other districts can register for summer school, but they will be required to pay the tuition prices and fees listed in the brochure. For outside students requesting Driver's Ed, they should be placed on waiting list until the HCS students have been given priority. For other courses, students may register now.

10. Will a Title I student pay tuition for credit enhancement classes?

Yes, all students (even Title I students) will pay for credit enhancement classes. However, Title I students will not pay the \$25 registration fee for credit recovery.

11. How will the summer school sites know what Odysseyware platform to enroll students in - prescriptive or sequential?

The school counselor MUST register the student up for the correct summer school class(es) and format, indicating on the form either sequential or prescriptive. That way the student can be placed in the appropriate mode of the course.

12. Can a high school student use credit recovery for AHSAA athletic eligibility or NCAA Clearing House?

NO! Any student athlete seeking AHSAA eligibility and NCAA Clearing House eligibility should NOT take a credit recovery mode course. These students need to seek other options to earn back the failed credit. NCAA currently accepts credits earned through ACCESS. If an athlete is not going to seek eligibility through the NCAA Clearing House, he/she and his/her parents must sign a waiver to enroll in summer school credit recovery. The NCAA will not accept "credit recovery" courses.