



Philosophy of NPAS Targeted Services

Vision

Creating and sustaining a dynamic learning environment that will meet the needs of all learners.

Values

1. *ALL students can learn!*
2. *Learning needs vary by student and thus require engaging experiences with content.*
3. *Achievement in an academic setting will further ones self-confidence, motivation, and potential for further personal growth and contributions to their community.*

Goal

The primary goal and driving force behind our summer learning programs is to fill and fortify the gap in knowledge and skills necessary for our students to succeed in the coming school year and beyond.

Registration Form

**Please detach and return to your child's school office
or register online at*

www.np.k12.mn.us

Student Name: _____

Current Grade: _____ Building: _____

Teacher/Advisor: _____

Desired Location: _____

Recommended for: _____ Reading _____ Math _____ Both

_____ Yes, I would like my child to attend this summer program.

_____ No, I am not interested in having my child attend.

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____ Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

For further questions on these programs, please contact the following representatives for each site:

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New Prague Area Schools
ISD #721

Targeted Services

Summer Learning Programs



June-August 2009

Research Suggests...

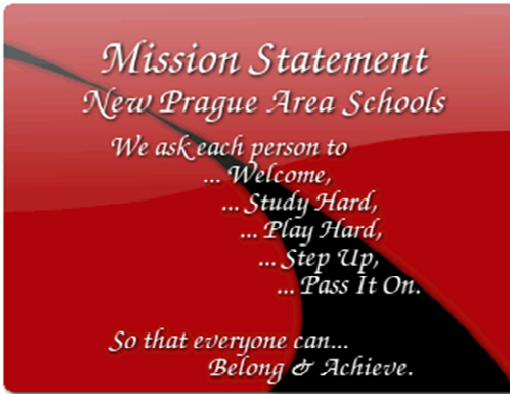
- All young people experience learning losses when they do not engage in educational activities during the summer.
- On average, students lose approximately 2.6 months of grade level equivalency in math computation skills and reading over the summer.
- Out-of-school time is dangerous time for unsupervised children and teens and may lead to high-risk choices and behaviors.
- Loss is most severe in early grades.
- Loss is cumulative over time.

Curricular Focus:

- Our summer programs will focus on furthering student skills in the areas of reading, writing, and math. At each level, the content will vary but will still be tied to the standards of accountability deemed appropriate by the state of Minnesota.
- Accelerated Math, Study Island, and a variety of other web-based educational resources will be utilized within each learning session. These programs will allow students to work at their own pace while being supported by staff and having regular feedback on their progress.

Assessment and Accountability-

- Students at each level of instruction will be expected to make adequate academic progress throughout the summer months. Staff will review the strengths and weaknesses (via grades, test scores, and anecdotal records) of each student prior to instruction and will tailor the curriculum and activities to meet their needs. Measurement of learning progress will occur in a variety of ways and will be communicated by program staff.



Staff:

- Licensed educators with a thirst for improving student achievement will be employed to create a motivating and accountable setting for academic and social growth. Leading educators from each building will work to collaborate and share research-based instructional strategies and activities that will keep students active and engaged with the content.

Class Size-

- Small class sizes are one of the hallmarks of any successful summer learning program and ours will be no exception. Teacher to student ratios will be kept low and individual assistance will take place within each instructional period.

Instructional Strategies-

- Staff will utilize time-tested and research-based strategies that will seek to motivate and stimulate student learning. Instruction will vary from traditional activities to reciprocal teaching, discussion, use of manipulatives and technology, role play, interdisciplinary projects, and authentic applications of knowledge and skills.

Dates and Times-

Elementary and Middle School

Session 1- June 15-18 and June 22-25

Session 2- July 13-16 and July 20-23

Session 3- August 3-6 and 10-13

**Each day will operate on a 8:00-11:00 schedule.*

A Car Pool parent meeting will be scheduled for the two elementary schools in mid May. This information will be communicated via parent letter.

High School

Session 1- June 8-11, 15-18, and 22-25

Session 2- June 29-July 2, July 6-9, and 13-16

**Each day will operate on a 7:30-12:30 schedule.*

Locations-

