

Frequently Asked Questions

Who may enroll in the Secondary Summer School program?

The 2024 Secondary Summer School program is available at no cost to high school students residing within the Columbia School District. The program offers courses for credit advancement and credit recovery for students entering ninth, tenth, eleventh and twelfth grades, as well as non-graduating seniors.

Where are Secondary Summer School courses offered?

Most courses are offered at **Battle, Hickman, Rock Bridge and CPS Online High Schools**. Courses are *initially* offered at all locations unless otherwise indicated in the course registration guide. In the event course enrollment numbers are low, the course may be offered at only one location. *NOTE: This summer (2024), Rock Bridge students will attend classes at Hickman High School due to renovations at RBHS. RBHS will have its own principal and teachers but housed at Hickman HS.*

At which high school should a student enroll?

All students attending Battle, Hickman, Rock Bridge High Schools for school year 2024-2025 should enroll in their respective school for summer courses. Douglass High School students and non-Columbia Public School students interested in attending should enroll in the high school as determined by the address of their home residence. If you wish to attend a high school outside your attendance area, please contact the Summer School Office at 214-3933.

What are the dates of the program?

Classes run from May 30 to June 26.
School will not be in session on June 19.

What is the daily schedule?

Students may enroll in one or two classes and the in-person classes meet daily. The morning class session is from 8:55-12:10. The afternoon session includes lunch and is from 12:15-4:05.

How does a student enroll in Secondary Summer School?

- Review this course registration guide. Paper copies are available at middle and high school counseling offices or at www.cpsk12.org. **There is also an online enrollment option for credit advancement. Parents of 9th-12th grade students may enroll their students through the Families Portal/Campus Parent online at www.cpsk12.org beginning February 13 at 9 a.m.** Students entering grades 10-12 also have access to the online enrollment site through home access beginning February 13 at 9 a.m.
- Students (rising 10-12) meet with their school counselors during the enrollment process to determine which courses are appropriate for their educational program. This will help determine how summer school offerings fit into their graduation plan.
- Students earning one or more grades of F in core subjects are enrolled in credit recovery summer school by the counselor. Parents/guardians receive an email addressing this in late January for first semester classes.
- We request that you enroll no later than Friday April 26, 2024. However, enrollment will continue beyond that date for classes that have not filled.

Does a course ever close before the published deadline?

While some courses do have limits in number of students, we no longer close the classes before the enrollment window closes. This is because our enrollment system is changing from first come first serve to randomization. For some classes this will involve a lottery-type system. When we do process enrollment we will enroll seniors first, then juniors, sophomores and freshmen.

Secondary Summer School open house is scheduled for Wednesday, May 29 from 5:00-6:30 p.m. at each high school and schedules will also be available there as well.

What if I want to drop a course or cancel enrollment?

You may **cancel** a student's enrollment in a course by emailing (summerschool@cpsk12.org) or calling (573-214-3933). If a student wishes to drop a course or cancel enrollment after classes begin, the student or parent should contact the Secondary Summer School office in his/her respective high school.

How important is attendance at the Secondary Summer School program?

1. **Credit Advancement** - Consistent attendance over the entire program is extremely important for success in the Secondary Summer School program. Absences should be reserved for emergency use only. Vacations, medical or dental appointments should not be scheduled during summer class time. **If a student misses more than 30 minutes of a class period, it is considered an absence.** Students who are absent are expected to make up any course work within the time frame of the program. No incomplete grades are given. **Since summer school is 19 days, students absent more than THREE days in an in-person credit advancement course are not eligible to earn credit and courses will be dropped with 'no marks'.** **All absences, including those due to school-related activities, count toward the three-day maximum. For example, students missing more than three days for the Teton trip may not earn credit in the in person classes, but could take online classes.**
2. **Credit Recovery** – Students not attending regularly or not making adequate progress in a credit recovery class are subject to being withdrawn from the course. If a credit recovery student is going to miss more than three days of class, permission from the office is required. Otherwise, the student will be dropped.

Is school bus transportation available?

- Guaranteed before and after school transportation is provided for full-day students who enroll April 26 deadline and who live more than two miles from their assigned high school. Student Transportation of America (STA) establishes bus routes based on enrollments through the first week in May.
- **A mid-day bus will not be provided between schools or between school and home.** Students who cannot provide their own mid-day transportation need to take two summer school courses.

Where may students park their vehicles?

Hickman High School student parking is permitted only in student designated areas on the west side of the building. Rock Bridge High School student parking is permitted only in student designated areas on the south side of the building. Battle High School student parking is permitted in the north parking lot.

Lunch

Cafeterias are open for breakfast and lunch. All schools are closed campus for 9th-10th grades and open for 11th-12th. **Students may bring lunch to school but are not allowed to have lunch delivered during the school day.**

When are grades reported?

A mid-term grade report is given to students at the end of the first two weeks. Final grade reports are posted on Campus Parent (student and parent) within a week after the end of summer school and reported to the student's school for the 2024-2025 academic year.

Contact District Summer School Office with questions:

Phone number: 573-214-3933 Fax number: 573-214-3439

E-Mail: summerschool@cpsk12.org

Contact Student Transportation of America with transportation questions:

STA Bus: 573-214-3860

MSHSAA Eligibility

Current freshman, sophomores, and juniors may take or makeup a total of one credit during summer school to count toward their fall MSHSAA eligibility. Students promoted for the first time into 9th grade are considered academically eligible for the first semester after promotion.

- Summer School classes must either be a core subject class or fulfill a specific graduation requirement.
 - If the course taken by the student in summer school to maintain eligibility will be applied to meeting the elective credits requirement for graduation, then in that case, the elective course must be in one of the four core content areas (language arts, math, science, and social studies.)
 - A student cannot take a non-core course intended to help fulfill the electives graduation requirement in the summer and maintain eligibility.
- Personal finance will count toward eligibility because DESE identifies it as a specific graduation requirement.