Frequently Asked Questions

Get Ready for the 2020 Columbia Summer SUNsation

Who may enroll in the Columbia Summer SUNsation?
The Columbia Summer SUNsation is a FREE summer program operated by the Columbia Public Schools open to all Columbia students from prekindergarten (children entering kindergarten Fall 2020) through grade 7.

What are the dates and times of the program?
The Summer SUNsation program is scheduled daily from June 2 – June 26. Summer programs operate at the same times as the regular school year. Start/end times are listed on the district website www.cpsk12.org.

Where is the summer school program located?
The elementary summer program operates in all elementary schools, except:
➢ Russell Blvd students attend at Mill Creek Elementary
➢ Locust Street Expressive Arts students attend at Cedar Ridge Elementary
➢ Rock Bridge students attend at Beulah Ralph Elementary
➢ Two Mile Prairie students attend at Eliot Battle Elementary
The middle school summer program operates in all middle schools except:
➢ Oakland MS students attend at Lange MS

What is the daily schedule?
Each morning students are involved in exciting academic courses that help them continue learning during the summer and prepare them for the next school year. In the afternoon students continue academic endeavors such as constructing models, solving puzzles and creating new “worlds” on Minecraft. Summer SUNsation emphasizes “learning by doing” courses and activities that boost self-confidence and thinking skills. Course descriptions are available on the district website www.cpsk12.org/summerschool.

Is bus transportation provided?
Bus transportation is provided for eligible K-8 students with a transportation address more than 1 mile from their assigned summer school. Summer bus stops are determined on enrollment forms received by May 15. Bus route information will be available on CPS BusLink May 18. Pickup/drop-off times will be available June 8 for enrollment forms received AFTER May 15. Students attending a school other than their home school because of summer maintenance are bused to their summer school location. Grades K – 5 students are assigned to a summer school based on 2020-2021 school year attendance boundaries. Grades 6 – 8 students are assigned to summer school based on 2019-2020 school year attendance boundaries. Parent transportation must be provided for students attending a school outside of their assigned attendance area.

Are breakfast and lunch served?
Breakfast and lunch are served daily using the same regular school year guidelines.

How do I enroll my child in the Summer SUNsation program?
You can enroll online at www.cpsk12.org, click on Families Portal at top right corner, enter parent/guardian ID# and password, click summer school tab. If you do not know your parent/guardian ID# and password, please contact your child’s school secretary or call CPS Parent Helpline 573.214.3334. You can also enroll by completing the enrollment form on the backside and return to your child’s school office.

If using your Smart Phone or other Smart device, you can download the app: Classlink Launchpad. Open the app and select your school district by typing Columbia in the search box. Select Columbia Public Schools for Families, enter your username (six-digit guardian ID#) and password (email address you use to communicate with CPS), and the family portal will open.