

INFORMATION ITEM

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Subject: Summer Enrichment Program 2020

Background

District 39 has historically offered a very robust Summer Enrichment Program that provides optional summer programming to over 500 District 39, District 37, and parochial students in Kindergarten through 7th grade. The program is designed to be cost neutral. Program offerings have historically included enrichment classes such as rocketry and cooking, academic enrichment classes such as novel writing, and academic skills classes that include re-teaching and remediation. Extended School Year services are also available for eligible students with Individualized Education Programs.

Introduction

Due to the unique circumstances of COVID-19 and its impact on in-person learning, the Summer Enrichment Program for 2020 was substantially different in form. Courses were limited to academic classes and all were conducted using an online platform, with the exception of Extended School Year, which was conducted using either a remote or an optional hybrid model. Three types of academic classes were offered this year.

The Summer Enrichment Program was originally scheduled for June 16 - July 17, 2020. Programming was delayed once schools shut down for COVID-19 to better determine how the program would be conducted and increase the probability that in-person learning would be an option. The final dates were July 6 - August 7, 2020. Registration began in February, and initially closed in early April, after spring break. This year, due to the uncertainty of education due to COVID, registration was re-opened to ensure that students could register despite the changing conditions. Ultimately, registration was closed on June 6, 2020, which allowed classes to be created and teachers hired to teach during this unusual summer.

Enrollment and Course Offerings

This year three different types of academic classes were offered, in addition to the Extended School Year classes.

JumpStart Remote Learning Classes: The JumpStart program was a new offering this year, initiated to give students a review and head start on the return to school. JumpStart Remote Learning Classes were short, two-week academic review classes (reading and math) facilitated by a summer school instructor. The instructors held synchronous class meetings with students to start the class for the day and were available during that class period for questions or clarification. Students were assigned work and engaged at their own pace using an online learning platform, while the teacher monitored progress and supported students when needed. A total of 78 students participated in the JumpStart program.

B.A.S.I.C. Math and Reading: Basic Academic Skills Improvement Courses (B.A.S.I.C. Math and Reading) were offered to students who qualified based on assessments and teacher recommendations. In B.A.S.I.C. Math and Reading classes, students reviewed and strengthened basic academic concepts for their grade level. For summer 2020, 51 students enrolled in B.A.S.I.C. Math and 52 students enrolled in B.A.S.I.C. Reading.

Percentage Referred who Attended	2017	2018	2019	2020
Reading	30%	32%	33%	38%
Math	29%	37%	18%	36%

Academic Camps, Reading, Writing and Math: Academic Camp courses were offered to students looking for an opportunity to strengthen and reinforce skills learned during the school year. Content focused on revisiting and reviewing grade level skills using an online learning platform and other resources. Teachers met with students daily via a remote platform, and provided direct instruction as well as feedback and assignments.

Class	Grades K-3	Grades 4-7
Math Camp	54 Students	60 Students
Reading Camp	43 Students	52 Students
Writing Camp	61 Students	66 Students

Extended School Year Programming (ESY): Extended School Year services are offered to eligible students with an Individualized Education Program. Students qualify based on regression/recoupment data and discrepancy from age and grade level standards. Instruction focuses on the maintenance of skills based on individual goals. This year, all students who were eligible for ESY and registered for the classes were offered the option of a fully remote option or a hybrid option.

The hybrid option included in-person learning in conjunction with remote learning. Students who chose the hybrid option attended 9 days in-person, with remote learning on Mondays and Fridays, and the final two weeks were offered remote-only. This option allowed students to practice some of the skills needed to return to in-person learning, such as wearing face coverings and maintaining social distance, in addition to

reinforcing the skills needed to engage in a remote environment, as well as individual instruction focused on specific goals. In total, 63 students attended the hybrid model of ESY and 32 students attended remote only.

Staff

The Summer Enrichment Program employed 70 staff members to instruct and support the summer enrichment classes and the ESY program. In addition to the positions shown in the table below, specialized teachers and therapists provided occupational therapy, speech therapy, physical therapy, assistive technology, and intervention support following students' IEPs.

Position	PK-3	5-8
Coordinator	1	1
Secretary	1	1
Nurse	1	1
Teachers	19	14
Paraprofessionals	15	8
Early Childhood Teachers	2	n/a
Total	39	25

Budget

The class fee structure was slightly modified this year as the JumpStart program was new. The registration fee remained \$50 per class and covered general costs. Tuition was set based on the amount needed to pay a teacher for a class and included materials fees. Tuition was \$200 for Academic Camp classes, \$100 for B.A.S.I.C. classes, and \$80 for JumpStart classes. Students enrolled in Extended School Year Program only pay the material fee as ESY is connected to a student's IEP.

Please see the attached worksheet for the revenue and expenditure information on the Summer Enrichment Program.

Summary and Recommendations

The Summer Enrichment Program was a unique experience for staff and students this year due to COVID-19. While the breadth and depth of classes typically offered was not available this year, enrolled students participated in academic instruction designed to prevent learning loss and increase skills. Students who participated in the hybrid portion of ESY were able to work on educational goals and practice skills that are needed during this time of COVID-19, such as maintaining social distance and wearing face coverings.

Recommended for presentation to the Board of Education



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SUMMER ENRICHMENT PROGRAM 2020

REVENUE:		
ENRICHMENT PROGRAM	\$	85,428
EXPENDITURES:		
Administrator Stipend	\$	2544.88
Clerical Salaries	\$	6709.77
Teaching Salaries	\$	70,478.95
Supplies	\$	2373.39
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$	85,268.50
PROGRAM NET PROFIT/(LOSS)	\$	(840.50)