MPS INCLUSION & DIVERSITY
VISION STATEMENT
Everyone in our school community is valued, safe, treated with kindness and respect, and works together to make our community and world a better place.

Superintendent Communiqué

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SPECIAL EDITION COMMUNIQUE
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2020 Midland Public Schools’ Summer School Opportunities

Dear MPS Students, Staff and Families ...

As we stated in yesterday’s Monday Communique, below is further details about our Elementary, Middle and High School Summer School learning opportunities.

Elementary Summer Math/Reading Opportunities
(Note: This is the same information we shared in yesterday’s Superintendent Communiqué)

MPS Elementary buildings will be implementing two summer programs for students. The first opportunity is designed for students needing targeted Math and Reading instruction to reach grade level status. Students, if invited, are encouraged to participate in the summer support. The learning opportunity will take place during July 6 - August 14. Students will be engaged in a virtual environment facilitated by MPS teachers using online platforms designed to provide individual support for students.

The second opportunity is designed for students who want additional practice in Math and Reading. Students may opt in to participate in this summer program if they would like additional, individually-paced math and reading opportunities. The program will take place during July 6 - 31. Students will be engaged in a virtual environment facilitated by MPS teachers using online platforms. Enrollment for additional practice in Math and Reading is open to all students, but is limited. Students who wish to enroll can CLICK HERE TO ENROLL.

For more information, please contact your building principal.

Middle School Summer Opportunities
(Note: This is the same information we shared in yesterday’s Superintendent Communiqué)

Middle School Summer Support
This opportunity is designed for students needing targeted Math and English/Language Arts instruction to reach grade level status. Students, if invited, are encouraged to participate in the summer support. The learning opportunity will take place during July 6 - July 31. Students will be engaged in a virtual environment facilitated by MPS teachers using online platforms designed to provide individual support for students.

Enrollment in the Summer Support: The Summer Support will be open only to those who are invited to participate. The criteria used to invite students will include the following:

- Classroom data, standardized testing information, teacher perception
- Students who are showing skill deficits in ELA and Math

Students invited to participate in Summer Support will be notified by their building principal no later than June 15, 2020 via email.

Middle School Summer Extension
This opportunity is designed for students who want extension or additional practice in Math and English/Language Arts. Students may opt in to participate in the summer extension if they would like some additional reading and math opportunities beyond grade level. The program will take place during July 6 - July 31. Students will be engaged in a virtual environment, facilitated by MPS teachers using online platforms, designed to provide individual extension activities for students.

Enrollment in the Summer Extension: The Summer Extension will be open to the first 50 students who wish to continue learning beyond their current grade level and sign up below. Students who wish to enroll in the Summer Extension opportunity can CLICK HERE TO ENROLL.

For more information please contact Dirk DeBoer at deboerdr@midlandps.org or Tiela Schurman at schurmanla@midlandps.org

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MPS High School Summer Learning Opportunities

The MPS High School Summer Learning Opportunities will focus on four types of support for our students. MPS will offer Credit Protection to support students who have incomplete second semester grades, Credit Recovery for students who failed a course prior to spring semester 2020, and a PSAT and SAT program for students who wish to engage in additional preparation for these examinations. Details of each of the programs can be found below.

Credit Protection, August 10-13 and 17-20, 2020

The Credit Protection program will allow students who received an I (incomplete) during spring semester 2020, an opportunity to earn a G (passing). Students will complete specific units in Edgenuity, an online platform, to gain credit for the class. Students will not be required to complete the entire online course. Certified staff will select the required units and provide remote small group instruction and one on one tutoring to assist students. Students that earned incompletes for courses during spring semester 2020 will be automatically enrolled in this program. To opt out, please email Jenny Coppens at DHS (coppensjl@midlandps.org) or Matt Wenzell at MHS (wenzellmb@midlandps.org).

Credit Recovery, June 15 - August 13, 2020

The Credit Recovery program is designed for students who failed a course prior to spring semester 2020. Students in the graduating class of 2021 who are not likely to graduate on time are highly encouraged to participate in this program. There will be 50 available seats for MPS students. Students in this program will enroll in a one semester course. Students will be required to complete the entire course to earn credit. This program is entirely online. For more info: CLICK HERE. To register: CLICK HERE.

PSAT/SAT Preparation

The PSAT and SAT are important assessments in a student’s educational path. Although Midland Public Schools prepares students for the rigor of these tests, we also recognize focused test preparation can be extremely beneficial for all students. Currently available to all students in grades 9-12 is Khan Academy. Students may register at https://www.khanacademy.org/test-prep and access a wealth of free, online materials. The College Board also has free online practice tests, study groups, sample questions, and an app that prompts students to do one practice question a day. For more information about these options, CLICK HERE.

This summer and fall, Midland Public Schools will offer four test preparation options for students. This is an amazing opportunity for students to hone their PSAT and SAT skills with a recognized college admissions service company, with over 35 years of experience, the Princeton Review. This is also a substantial savings for parents; private and small group preparation sessions are quite costly. The cost for this service is $90 per student, and there are an unlimited number of seats available. MPS will provide a total of 35 scholarships at each building for either PSAT or SAT for students in need at each high school. For more information and registration, please refer to these diagrams: ➔

Great job MPS Principals and Curriculum Team for putting these summer school proposals and plans together for our students! Contact your building principal with your questions.

Michael E. Sharrow, Superintendent