MIHS Summer School Information 2019

The MIHS Summer School Program is a tuition-based service of the Mercer Island School District. Housed at Crest Learning Center, the program runs three days per week, according to the calendar listed below. Classes may: (1) meet on a daily basis, or (2) be contract-based/independent study, or (3) be delivered through an online provider. For contract-based and online classes, students meet one day per week with an assigned mentor teacher. All Summer School students must attend every week of Summer School. A student must be in the Class of 2020, 2021, 2022 or 2023 to participate in Summer School 2019.

Questions about Summer School should be addressed to Vicki White-Miltun, Summer School Coordinator, at summerschool@mercerislandschools.org Please consult the FAQ’s.

Tuition: Tuition is $375 for each course, and is due at the time of registration. MISD Summer School is funded entirely by tuition; therefore, availability of courses and instructor time depends on the number of students enrolled.
- Nominal fees for supplies, books, or labs may apply to some courses.
- Fees must be paid on or before the first day of class.
- Refunds for withdrawal will be authorized only up to the first meeting of the course. Full or Partial scholarships are available for students participating in the free/reduced lunch program.

Applications: Link will be available on the MIHS website and will be available online at: http://www.mercerislandschools.org/HSSummerSchool

Payment: may be made online with credit card (https://wa-mercerisland.intouchreceiving.com/) or in person (check) to MISD and delivered to the Registrar.

Summer Registrar Kristin Brintnall, ssregistrar@mercerislandschools.org 206-236-3354

IMPORTANT dates for Summer School:
- April 17th: Summer School registration opens. Registrations taken on a rolling admission, space available basis.
- June 3rd: Summer School registration closes. Registration could close earlier if demand is high.
- June 3rd: Mandatory Information Meeting for all Summer School students: time and place to be announced in the MIHS Daily Bulletin.
- Week of June 11th: E-mail notification sent to registered students: detail of Summer School courses and finalized class times, locations, and other course information.
- June 26th to August 1st: Summer School Session. Week of June 26th classes on Wed, Thurs, Fri. Week of July 1st classes on Mon, Tues, Wed. All other weeks classes on Tue,
Wed, Thur. from 8:00 am – 4:00 pm.

- **September 5th (First Day of School at MIHS):** Last day for students to turn in Summer School assignments.
SUMMER SESSION COURSE OPTIONS

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS
Since there are dozens of separate courses offered in Summer School, the Course Descriptions are found in the regular MIHS Course Guide for all except the two specialty courses listed under Special Offerings.

CREDIT RETRIEVAL COURSES-designed for students who received a failing grade (F) in the course during the school year.
1) The intent of Credit Retrieval courses is to build on knowledge gained in the first attempt at the course and to add to that knowledge by completing additional course work.
2) The student’s subject knowledge is assessed, and he/she works to learn course material not mastered in the first attempt.
3) The student may choose a pass/fail grading option in the course.
4) The original grade (F) remains on the transcript, but it is not calculated in the GPA. The newly-earned Credit Retrieval grade is added to the transcript and calculated in the GPA.

FOCUS COURSES (.25 Credit)-offered 2 hours per day on days that Summer School is in session (Tues, Wed, and Thurs). This course is mostly for students who passed with a D or D-.
1) The intent of the .25 Credit Focus Courses is to enable a student to strengthen basic skills in the subject area and enhance success in future courses.
2) A Focus Course grade will appear on the transcript and will be calculated into the cumulative GPA.
3) Any other grade earned in the subject area will remain on the transcript and will be calculated in the GPA.

FOCUS COURSES (.50 Credit) are offered 2 hours per day on days that Summer School is in session (Tues, Wed, Thur) and also require the student to complete independent work beyond the Summer School session.
1) The intent of the .50 Credit Focus Courses is to allow a student to strengthen basic skills in the subject area and to improve academic performance in the subject, and to complete work for grade replacement.
2) When 80 hours of work are completed, recorded, and submitted for review, the student may earn a grade and .50 credit.
3) The original grade remains on the transcript, but it is not calculated in the GPA.
4) The newly-earned Focus Course grade is added to the transcript and calculated in the GPA.

Students: Consult with your counselor for guidance about which Credit Retrieval or Focus course to take in the Summer Session. The 2019 offerings are:
   English 9A, 9B, 10A, or 10B
   Geometry A or B
   Algebra 1A, 1B, 2A, or 2B
Students must commit to the 18 two-hour class meetings. You will risk losing credit if you are absent. Each class meeting must be viewed as a week of regular school.

ENRICHMENT COURSES
1) The intent of Enrichment Courses is to offer high school students the opportunity to:
Complete courses to gain greater flexibility in the high school schedule.
Earn credit and/or address a credit deficiency.
Explore areas of interest not accessible during the school year.

2) Students may earn .50 credit and a grade (except where otherwise noted).
3) Classes are offered on an Independent Study/Contract basis or as online courses as listed below.

INDEPENDENT STUDY COURSES
Students may study independently through a mentor-teacher monitored Summer School Contract.
1) Register for the desired course.
2) Work with Summer School staff to establish a regular check-in with the mentor teacher.
3) Begin work as of the first meeting with the mentor teacher.


No credit can be awarded for course work completed before the first meeting with the mentor teacher and the signing of the Summer School Contract.

ONLINE COURSES
1) The intent of Online Courses is to offer the array of courses available through FuelEducation, APEX & Spokane Virtual Academy.
2) Course offerings are available at: http://www.mercerislandschools.org/online.
3) There are full semester options and credit-recovery options.
4) The student must meet with a mentor teacher for one-half hour per week during each week of the Summer Session.
5) The student must complete registration for MISD Summer School that will include which online course/provider. Prior to starting the Summer School registration you must determine which course you will be taking.

SPECIAL MIHS OFFERING
Moral Choices in the Global Village (Philosophy) .5 Credit This course examines the roots of Western philosophy, major voices, and turning points in theories for “living a good life.” Discussion topics include capital punishment, moral dilemmas in the computer age (privacy, cheating, identity theft), and the rights and responsibilities of citizens of a nation and the world. Students also will view and discuss films. The class meets in the evening, often off campus, but on Mercer Island. Final meeting times and dates will be determined with the students who enroll in the course. Classes will meet until August 9, 2019. There will be no off Island Classes this year. This class typically meets Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Sundays from 8:00pm to 10:00pm, or at other times by agreement with the teacher. The first class meeting will be Tuesday, June 19, 2:00-4:30 pm at Crest Learning Center. This class runs until August 9, 2019.

CREATIVE WRITING: Summer Writing Workshop .5 Credit- This course focuses on introducing and cultivating skills and knowledge of multiple genres and forms of creative writing, including: poetry; fiction & nonfiction prose; podcast & radio; writing for the screen & stage; and explorations in a genre and other experimental forms. In addition to the production of written works, students will immerse themselves in the study of various literary movements and genres, focusing on historically marginalized voices, local artists, and contemporary & emerging
Authors. This course also features frequent guest speakers, a 2-hour writing workshop at Hugo House in Seattle (with a writer chosen by the class), publication in the class chapbook of poetry & prose, and a public reading at Island Books. The class will be offered for 0.25 or 0.5 credit. **This course will meet Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 4pm to 6pm during the six week Summer School session with some additional evening meetings for field trips.**

**SUMMER SCHOOL EXPECTATIONS** - for all MISD Summer School course options.

Students must:

- **Attend all six weeks of the Summer School Session.**
- Complete at least 80 hours of assigned work to receive .50 credit.
- Attend one individual appointment each week during the Summer School Session or attend the daily class meetings (determined by the course your course enrollment).
- Schedule appointments by contacting the Summer School Registrar
- Enroll in no more than one academic course and one elective course during the summer. (Students who need a 2nd academic course must obtain administrative approval and must work with a second mentor teacher on the approved course.)
- Plan ahead to start course work on the first day of the course.
- Make regular progress in their coursework throughout the 6-week Summer School Session.
- Complete a minimum of 10 hours of work each week (50 hours total by the beginning of August).
- Complete 30 hours of work after the 6-week Summer School Session (work due September 5th 2019).
- Keep a journal and log.
- Treat each meeting as an assessment.

*The MISD Summer School does not offer AP, Honors, World Language, or Lab Science courses, except through the online option.*

*Most Summer School courses are offered for a grade; however, Physical Education is offered on a Pass/Fail basis only and does not calculate into the Student's GPA.*

*Consult with your counselor for guidance about which course to take in the Summer Session.*

*Students who do not complete 50 hours of work by their last appointment the week of July 30th, 2019 may be required to re-enroll in the course.*