

**District officials offer update on Summer School (Grades 9-12) and Summer Intervention (Grades K-8) programs**

When announcing that schools would be closed through at least May 1, Ohio Governor Mike DeWine also stated that he would evaluate circumstances at that time to determine if schools should remain closed beyond that date. In response to this uncertainty, and to enable students, parents, and guardians to plan accordingly, Westerville City School District (WCSD) officials today released an update on the district's Summer School program for grades 9-12, as well as Summer Intervention for grades K-8.

**Grades 9-12**

WCSD Summer School for students in grades 9-12 is offered to our district's students, as well as students from other districts. In summer 2020, this program will be entirely online, with students working virtually using Apex digital content. Best practices for virtual instruction will be incorporated. For example, students will be required to attend virtual meetings with teachers on a prescribed basis, with lesson engagement/completion being closely monitored and frequently shared with parents/guardians. Direct teacher assistance will be provided to students through virtual means. For registered WCSD students without a device and/or wi-fi, it is our intent to provide these means so they can complete their coursework.

Pending Board of Education approval, the cost for WCSD students wishing to recover credit will decrease from \$100 to only \$50 per credit. Students interested in advancing their course credits over the summer by taking a new class in which they have not previously been enrolled may do so at a cost of \$400 per credit. Non-WCSD students can also register to advance their course credit at \$470 per credit. On-line registration can be completed through May 26 at <https://tinyurl.com/WCSSummerHS2020>.

**Grades K-8**

For students in grades K-8, recommendation letters were to be mailed the week of March 30, 2020. However, given the state's current situation, district officials have not yet determined the format that will be used to provide this particular summer program.

“We expect to have a decision regarding the format of our K-8 summer intervention on or before May 8,” said Dr. Scott Ebbrecht, director of alternative education and assessment. “This information will be communicated to all invited students and their families so they can then decide if the program is right for them.”

Parents/guardians with questions regarding school personnel's recommendation for their child to attend summer intervention are encouraged to email their child's teacher, counselor, or principal.