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Camden City School District to Offer Free Summer Enrichment for Camden Students
Includes Visual & Performing Arts, ESY, Credit Recovery, and Bilingual Inclusive Program

Camden, NJ - The Camden City School District, along with Mayor Victor Carstarphen, are excited to announce this year's free summer enrichment program which will provide a wide range of educational opportunities for Camden students. The summer schedule will offer enriching programs including: ESY/Special Education, bilingual, and credit recovery, as well as visual and performing arts. Each design will ensure that learning acceleration is prioritized, while preparing students for the 2023-2024 academic year.

The district's free summer program welcomes rising kindergarten through 8th grade students from schools across the city starting July 5th through August 4th, and will take place in-person, Monday - Thursday from 8:30am - 2:30pm at Octavius V. Catto and H.B. Wilson Family schools. Additionally, the Summer Visual and Performing Art program will return this year and be available to any rising 3rd through 6th grader starting July 5th through August 4th. This program will also meet in-person, Monday - Thursday, from 8:30am - 2:30pm at Morgan Village Middle School. Regardless of where students attend school during the regular academic year, they have the opportunity to participate in this exceptional summer program.

For middle and high school students, advanced enrichment courses and credit recovery options are available at Eastside High School and the Camden High Campus also running July 5th through August 4th, and will meet in-person, Monday - Thursday from 8:30am - 2:30pm and Friday via remote learning from 8:30am to 12:30pm. These programs enable students to deepen their knowledge, explore new subjects, and importantly regain credits they did not earn during the regular school year.

Bilingual students and students who receive special education services can also take advantage of summer learning specifically designed for their unique needs. These programs ensure that every student has the chance to engage in meaningful educational experiences that are tailored to their individual needs and foster their development.

The District's summer programs offer free breakfast and lunch to all students who attend. This commitment to providing nutritious meals ensures that students can focus on learning. Additionally, transportation services will be provided to those who qualify, making participation in the programs more accessible for all students.





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"Summer break provides a valuable opportunity for students and teachers to recharge, but we recognize the importance of ensuring that our students don't fall behind," stated State Superintendent Katrina T. McCombs. "We strongly encourage families to take advantage of our free, all-day summer programs, offering a safe, fun and enriching environment for their children to learn, play, and grow throughout the entire summer. We are well aware that the impact of the summer slide is particularly significant in high-needs, urban districts like ours. Therefore, we remain steadfast in our commitment to keeping our students engaged in learning during the summer as a crucial step towards narrowing the achievement gap and empowering every student in Camden to achieve his/her fullest potential."

"I am truly inspired by the Camden City School District's commitment to providing our students with a free summer enrichment program that will ignite their passion for learning," said City of Camden Mayor Victor Carstarphen. This remarkable initiative, led by Superintendent McCombs, will not only bridge the educational gap but also foster a sense of empowerment and limitless potential in our Camden students. As they engage in a diverse range of programs, we are equipping them with the tools they need to excel academically and thrive in the upcoming academic year. This holistic approach to summer learning reflects our collective dedication to nurturing the future leaders of our community, and I am confident that the impact of these programs will be felt far beyond the summer months, inspiring a brighter future for all of Camden."

Families can apply to the summer program at www.camdencityschools.org

What: Camden City School District to Offer Free Summer Programs for Credit Recovery, Summer Bridge, and Advanced Enrichment Courses for Students Ages 3-18

Who: Camden City School District Superintendent Katrina T. McCombs, Camden Mayor Victor Carstarphen, Camden City School District students and staff

When: Thursday, June 15, 2023 | 1:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Where: Morgan Village Middle School - Library (990 Morgan Blvd., Camden, NJ 08104)

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