



## An update on SDUC summer learning and more

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Hello U. City Families:

I hope you had a wonderful weekend, and I wish a belated happy Mother's Day to all of our mothers and other caregivers who have committed to nurturing a child into adulthood.

I write today with promised information about our **Summer Learning Academy**. After much discussion regarding safety and the need to provide our students with essential learning resources, we will offer a free Virtual Summer Learning Academy for all youth entering 1st through 12th grades.

The summer school program will run from June 3 through July 31, providing students with nearly two months of supplementary learning. The learning academy is open to all students.

### **In grades 1-5, students have two options depending on academic needs.**

- The first will be a **grade 1-5 distance learning program** with University City teachers focusing on mathematics and English Language Arts. This option will run from June 3 through July 30 and is reserved for students in need of extra support in numeracy and literacy.
- The second option includes two themed **virtual Launch** learning pathways to provide academic engagement and enrichment. In June, students in grades 1-5 can enroll in "Your National Park Adventure," a virtual grand tour of our nation's natural treasures that targets grade-level science, social studies, math, and reading. In July, students in grades 1-5 can enroll in "Olympic Tour," an exploration of athleticism, Olympics history, world cultures and sports that again targets grade-level learning in science, social studies, math and reading instruction.

**For grades 6 through 8**, students will be able to enroll in Launch courses focusing on summer enrichment. Courses include: Escape, Game On, Outdoor U, and Operation Innovation.

**High school summer learning** will include online credit recovery programs in Math, English Language Arts, Science and Social Studies courses, in addition to Launch courses in Health, Physical Education and Personal Finance.

To learn more about the Summer Learning Academy for 2020 and to register your students by grade, click [here](#).

I did want to note that our seniors are still scheduled for a June 15th graduation ceremony at Chaifetz Arena. If we are unable to hold the ceremony at that time, we will consider an alternative option that adheres to the social distancing guidelines.

Last week, as part of National Teacher Appreciation Week, we practiced gratitude and expressed daily thanks to our teachers and staff through many gestures. This included the unveiling of **The Peace Place**, a new part of our District website that offers dozens of tools for relaxation, mindfulness and self-care. The Peace Place is open to the entire community, and I welcome you to utilize these tools as part of our vision of well-being and joy for our students, staff and community. You can reach it directly at [www.ucityschools.org/ThePeacePlace](http://www.ucityschools.org/ThePeacePlace).

Finally, I wanted to thank the families who provided [videos](#) of their children thanking our teachers. The videos were compiled and shared with staff on Friday. I wanted you to see the final video as well. I hope it brings some lightness and joy to your Monday. As always, if you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me at [shardin@ucityschools.org](mailto:shardin@ucityschools.org) or 314-399-0941.

In Service of Our Children,

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