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General Information for Summer Academy Programs

- Location:** **Preschool and Elementary Programs** are held at Grafton Bethel Elementary School (BMES, CES, DES, GBES, MVES, SES, TES, and YES students) and Magruder Elementary School (MES and WMES students).
Middle and High School Programs are held at Magruder Elementary School (QLMS students) and Grafton High School (GMS, TMS, YMS, and high school students).
- Dates:** Specific Summer Academy program dates are outlined on Academic Program pages found within this catalog.
- Registration:** The Summer Academic Programs Registration is completed through the school counseling office at the student's home school. Summer Academy Enrichment Camps registration is completed through the [YCSD Summer Academy webpage](#).
- Phone Numbers:** Prior to June 20th, please contact the appropriate Summer Academy Program administrator. Beginning June 20th, use the following numbers for Summer Academy:
Preschool & Elementary Summer Academy: (757) 890- 5011
Secondary Summer Academy: (757) 890-5012
- Transportation:** Transportation will be provided at designated stops throughout the county. These may differ from the current school year bus stops. The transportation schedule will be available in late May and can be found on the YCSD Summer Academy webpage.
- Attendance:** Students enrolled in Summer Academy are expected to attend class each day. Parents may request permission from the program principal for excused absences.
- Special Education:** Students with an identified disability enrolled in Summer Academic Programs will be provided accommodations by YCSD staff.
- Tuition:** Preschool, Elementary, and Middle School Summer Academy Programs are offered tuition free. Summer Academy enrollments for middle school Career Investigations and high school credit courses are offered on a tuition basis. Please see the Virtual High School Summer Academy Program page for more information.
- Books/Materials:** All instructional materials are provided during Summer Academy.
- Technology:** Students who enroll in Summer Academy may require access to a computer or laptop with Internet access. Students may continue using their York County School Division issued device during Summer Academy.
- Assessments:** End of Course Standards of Learning (SOL) assessments will be administered for all high school credit bearing courses as listed in the program.
- Conduct:** Students participating in Summer Academy Programs must abide by the York County School Division Student Handbook, Student Conduct Code (2023-2024), and Acceptable Use Policy. Copies of these documents can be found on the YCSD website.
- Food Service:** Breakfast and lunch through the school meal program will be available at all sites. More information will be provided at open house. All students may bring snacks and water to the Summer Academy program sites.

Family Engagement

Connect with YCSD this summer to support student success! The York County School Division will provide a variety of opportunities throughout the months of June and July to engage families, support student academic and behavioral success, and help families support their students to be successful in school and prepare for post-secondary experiences. More specific information will be provided on the YCSD Summer webpage found at bit.ly/YCSDSummerPrograms and through school communications.

Extended School Year (ESY)

Extended School Year (ESY) services are individualized special education and/or related services that are uniquely designed to provide a free appropriate public education to a student with disabilities. Any student whose IEP team has determined a need for ESY services will document this in the student's Individual Educational Plan. Students will be working specifically on goals and skills the team agreed would be significantly jeopardized without ESY.

Enrollment is dependent on the IEP team's determination and the data that is presented. If there are questions about a specific student's eligibility, refer to the student's current school.

For questions pertaining to the Summer Academy ESY program, please contact Amanda Thackeray, Coordinator of Special Education, at 757-788-7301.

Preschool Summer Academy

Preschool Summer Academy is provided for students currently enrolled in our 4-year-old Virginia Preschool Initiative (VPI) program. Enrollment is based on their demonstrated proficiency in grade level skills using a combination of progress reports, unit assessments, VALLS data, VKRP data, and teacher input. Preschool Summer Academy is offered tuition-free. For questions pertaining to the Summer Academy Preschool program, please contact Okrika Harold, Coordinator of Special Education II – Preschool Programs, at 757-833-2776.

Elementary Summer Academy

The Elementary Summer Academy is designed for students currently enrolled in grades K – 5. Students are referred based on their demonstrated proficiency in grade level skills using a combination of report card grades, Student Growth Assessment, unit assessments, SOL scores, RPMS data, PALS data, and teacher input. Elementary Summer Academy is offered tuition-free. Parents and guardians who wish to enroll their student in this academy must contact their student's school. Enrollment for students not recommended by their home schools will be based on availability.

The Elementary Summer Academy provides students with remediation and support in the areas of reading, writing, and mathematics through differentiated whole group and small group instruction. Reading instruction includes a focus on phonics, fluency, and reading comprehension, while math focuses on the process goals of problem solving, connections, communications, representations, and reasoning as outlined in the YCSD K-12 Math Model.

While emphasis is placed on academics, students also participate in numerous fun and engaging activities that focus on physical and emotional well-being. In collaboration with resource teachers, school counselors, and community partnerships, students reconnect with their love of learning while strengthening their academic achievement.

Open House: Grafton Bethel and Magruder Elementary Summer Academy

Date	Time	Location
June 18th	12:00 PM – 12:30 PM (Last names letters A-L)	Grafton Bethel Elementary School Magruder Elementary School
	12:45 PM – 1:15 PM (Last names letters M-Z)	Grafton Bethel Elementary School Magruder Elementary School

Grafton Bethel and Magruder Elementary Summer Academy

Dates	Times	Location
June 20th - July 25th Monday – Thursday	7:45 AM – 12:00 PM	Grafton Bethel Elementary School (BMES, CES, DES, GBES, MVES, SES, TES, and YES students)
<i>(July 4th, Independence Day observed/Schools & Offices closed)</i>	7:45 AM – 12:00 PM	Magruder Elementary School (MES and WMES students)

Registration

- Participants will be recommended by their home schools, and parents/guardians of these students will be notified by their student’s school by April 23rd. A registration link will be provided by the home school for parents/guardians to complete.
- Students currently enrolled in the York County School Division (4-Year-old Preschool and K– 5) who do not qualify for the academy based on school recommendation may be placed on the waitlist for the Elementary Summer Academy at their home school through June 13th.

Middle School Summer Academy

The Middle School Summer Academy is designed for students currently enrolled in grades 6 – 8 who have been identified as needing academic support in the areas of English: reading & writing and mathematics. Students are referred based on their demonstrated proficiency in grade level skills using a combination of report card grades, Student Growth Assessment, unit assessments, SOL scores, and teacher input. There is no fee for the academy for students who qualify through school recommendation. Parents and guardians who wish to enroll their student in Summer Academy must contact their student’s school counselor. Enrollment for students not recommended by their home schools will be based on availability.

Students enrolled in Middle School Summer Academy will work to develop their math and literacy skills through a cross-curricular approach that creates purposeful learning experiences through real world application.

Open House: Middle School Summer Academy

Date	Time	Location
June 18th	1:30 PM – 2:30 PM	Grafton High School (YMS, GMS, THS students)
	12:00 PM – 12:30 PM (Last names letters A-L)	Magruder Elementary School (QLMS students)
	12:45 PM – 1:15 PM (Last names letters M-Z)	Magruder Elementary School (QLMS students)

Middle School Summer Academy

Dates	Times	Location
June 20th - July 25th Monday – Thursday	8:05 AM – 12:20 PM	Grafton High School (GMS, TMS, YMS students)
<i>(July 4th, Independence Day observed/Schools & Offices closed)</i>	7:45 AM – 12:00 PM	Magruder Elementary School (QLMS students)

Registration

- Participants will be recommended by their home schools, and parents/guardians of these students will be notified by their student’s school by April 23rd. A registration link will be provided by the home school for parents/guardians to complete.
- Students currently enrolled in the York County School Division (grades 6-8) who do not qualify for the academy based on school recommendation may be placed on the waitlist for the Middle School Summer Academy at their home school through June 13th.

Career Investigations Course

Dates	July 8th - July 24th Monday- Friday
Grades	Rising 7th and 8th
Format	Online
Cost	\$225

Description: This course allows students to explore career options and begin investigating career opportunities. Students assess their roles in society, identify their roles as workers, analyze their personal assets, complete a basic exploration of career clusters, select career pathways or occupations for further study, and create an Academic and Career Plan based on their academic and career interests. This course also helps students identify and demonstrate the workplace skills that employers desire in their future employees.

Students shall acquire content knowledge, workplace skills, community and civic responsibility, and career planning. To meet the requirements of the Profile of a Virginia Graduate, each middle school must provide a course in career investigations.

Registration: This course will be recommended to students by their school counselor based on a potential schedule conflict. No course registrations will be accepted after June 13th.

Elementary Summer Academy Enrichment Camps

All elementary camps will be held in person at Grafton Bethel Elementary School. Transportation service will be provided for students participating in the Summer Academy Enrichment Camps. The schedule will be available in late May on the YCSD Summer Academy website.

General Information for Elementary Summer Academy Enrichment Camps

- Location:** Elementary enrichment camps will be held in person at Grafton Bethel Elementary School.
- Dates:** Specific Summer Academy Enrichment dates are shown on Academic Program pages found within this document.
- Registration:** Camp registration is completed through a Microsoft Form found on the YCSD Summer Programs page found at: bit.ly/YCSDSummerPrograms.
- Contact Information:** Justin Workman, Summer Academy Administrator for Elementary Camps and Family Engagement, can be contacted at: jworkman@ycsd.york.va.us. Beginning June 20th, the Elementary Summer Academy office will be open, and can be reached at (757) 890- 5011 for questions relating to Elementary Camps and Family Engagement.
- Transportation:** Transportation service will be provided at designated stops throughout the county. These may differ from the current school year bus stops. The schedule will be available in late May and can be found on the YCSD Summer Academy website.
- Conduct:** Students participating in Summer Academy Programs must abide by the York County School Division Student Handbook, Student Conduct Code, and Acceptable Use Policy. Copies of these documents can be found on the YCSD website.
- Dates and Times:** Refer to the information below for dates and times of each camp.

ABC Easy as 123

Dates	TBD
Grades	K – 1
Time	1:00 PM – 3:00 PM
Location	Grafton Bethel Elementary

Description: This program will provide support and remediation for students currently in grades Kindergarten through 1st grade who are struggling to grasp basic letter sound/recognition as well as basic number sense. Teachers will provide engaging activities to help strengthen a student’s foundation in reading and math.

Art Camp

Dates	July 8 – July 18
Grades	3 – 5
Time	1:00 PM – 3:00 PM
Location	Grafton Bethel Elementary

Description: Art camp is for current 3rd through 5th grade students and will offer hands-on art projects that can be made and taken home to enjoy. This camp will give students the opportunity to work through the creative process to design original works. Each day students will focus on a new technique and application of different art skills. We hope you will come be creative and enjoy fun art activities with us!

Cooking Camp

Dates	July 15 – July 18
Grades	2 – 5
Time	1:00 PM - 3:00 PM
Format	Grafton Bethel Elementary

Description: This camp is for current 2nd through 5th grade students who want to experience the world of culinary arts. This class is for both beginners and master chefs alike. Each day we will feature a different regional cuisine accompanied by a brief lesson about the culture and an opportunity to cook. We hope you will join us as we embark on this delicious journey.

Chess Camp

Dates	July 1 – July 12
Grades	3 – 5
Time	1:00 PM – 3:00 PM
Location	Grafton Bethel Elementary

Description: Come learn the royal game of chess. This class is for current 3rd through 5th grade, including both beginners and students who already know the basics. Players will learn how all the pieces move, including the rule of en passant and all the rules of castling. In addition, the participants will master basic checkmating skills and opening strategies. The session will end with a tournament and a trophy for the winning player!

Computer Science Camp

Dates	July 15 – July 25
Grades	4 – 5
Time	1:00 PM – 3:00 PM
Location	Grafton Bethel Elementary

Description: Computer Science Enrichment Camps will be offered for current 4th and 5th grade elementary school students. The computer science experiences will be hands-on and engaging. The camp will reinforce computational thinking and the engineering design process during coding, robotics, and other computer science related projects and activities.

English Learner Camp

Dates	June 24 – July 3
Grades	2 – 5 (EL Level 1-2 Students)
Time	1:00 PM – 3:00 PM
Location	Grafton Bethel Elementary

Description: The EL Summer Camp enrichment program for current 2nd through 5th grade English Learners, with a 1 or 2 proficiency level, aims to empower students to lead and strengthen the school and home community while establishing cultural connections. Students will participate in language-rich educational opportunities, authentic learning experiences, and S.T.E.A.M. project-based activities to enhance their English-language acquisition. Join the EL Summer Camp, where language acquisition meets discovery learning, collaboration, and creativity. ***Students for this camp are recommended by the elementary school.***

Young Authors Camp

Dates	June 24 – July 3
Grades	2 – 5
Time	1:00 PM – 3:00 PM
Location	Grafton Bethel Elementary

Description: This program is for students currently in 2nd through 5th grade and will provide authentic opportunities for students to fine-tune their writing skills. Teachers will guide students through the writing process focusing on areas of growth for each student while also challenging students to learn new skills like incorporating literary elements, dialogue, and expanded vocabulary. Students will create books to present to families at the end of the program.

Readers Theater

Dates	TBD
Grades	2 – 5
Time	1:00 PM – 3:00 PM
Location	Grafton Bethel Elementary

Description: This program will be geared toward students currently in 2nd through 5th grade and will focus on reading fluency and expression while working toward a final performance for families at the end of the three weeks. Students will be exposed to several reading scripts to improve their fluency, expression, comprehension, and public speaking while increasing self-confidence, motivation, and positivity toward reading. Performing for peers and families will provide authentic experiences as they fine-tune their reading skills.

STEM Enrichment Camp

Dates	June 24 – July 3
Grades	4 – 5
Time	1:00 PM – 3:00 PM
Location	Grafton Bethel Elementary

Description: The STEM Enrichment Camp is for current 4th and 5th grade students who want to dive into the world of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) with hands-on activities that will spark curiosity and ignite imagination. Students will engage in real-world challenges waiting to be solved using the power of creativity and the engineering design process. This camp will feature special guests and field trips to help students explore STEM concepts in the real-world. ***Military connected students are prioritized for registration.***

Rising 6th Grade Math Prep

Dates	July 1 – July 18
Grades	Current 5th graders scheduled to take Pre-Algebra 6
Time	1:00 PM – 3:00 PM
Location	Grafton Bethel Elementary

Description: This program will review essential skills from 5th grade as well as introduce some new skills to help build a strong foundation for rising 6th graders that are scheduled to take Pre-Algebra 6, setting them up for a successful year. Transitioning to middle school can be challenging especially when taking advanced courses. Throughout the camp, students will be provided with engaging tasks and activities that mirror the rigor of the Pre-Algebra 6 course. These tasks and activities will help build their perseverance, collaboration, problem solving, and creative thinking skills. ***Students for this camp are recommended by the elementary school site based on the camp requirements and prerequisites.***

Dates	Session #1: July 15 – July 18 Session #2: July 22 – July 25
Grades	4 – 5 (Military connected students)
Time	1:00 PM – 3:00 PM
Format	Grafton Bethel Elementary

Description: This camp is for current 4th and 5th grade military connected students who have demonstrated aptitude with language skills. This camp will provide students exposure to language, music, and culture in the Spanish language to engage curiosity and promote critical thinking. ***Military connected students are prioritized for registration.***

Middle School Summer Academy Enrichment Camps

Middle school camps will be held in person at Grafton High School, **with the exception of Middle School Advanced Course Prep, which will be offered online.** Transportation service will be provided for students participating in the Summer Academy Enrichment Camps. The transportation schedule will be available in late May and can be found on the [YCSD Summer Academy website](#).

General Information for Middle School Summer Academy Enrichment Camps

- Location:** Middle school enrichment camps will be held in person, unless otherwise indicated, at Grafton High School.
- Dates:** Specific Summer Academy Enrichment dates are shown on Academic Program pages found within this document.
- Registration:** Camp registration is completed through a Microsoft Form found on the YCSD Summer Academy page found at: bit.ly/YCSDSummerPrograms.
- Virtual Sessions:** Students registered for virtual enrichment opportunities and camps will access these resources through their Canvas dashboard. Microsoft Teams links and information regarding live sessions will be posted in the course announcements.
- Contact Information:** Aaron Dodge, Summer Academy Administrator for Secondary Enrichment Camps and Family Engagement, can be contacted at: adodge@ycsd.york.va.us. Beginning June 20th, the Secondary Summer Academy office will be open, and can be reached at (757) 890-5012 for questions relating to Secondary Camps and Family Engagement.
- Transportation:** Transportation service will be provided. The transportation schedule will be available in late May.
- Conduct:** Students participating in Summer Academy Programs must abide by the York County School Division Student Handbook, Student Conduct Code, and Acceptable Use Policy. Copies of these documents can be found on the YCSD website.
- Dates and Times:** Refer to the information below for dates and times of each camp.

Band Camp

Dates	July 15 – July 25
Grades	6 – 7
Time	1:15 PM – 3:15 PM
Location	Grafton High School

Description: Middle School Summer Band Academy is an exciting summer program designed for current 6th and 7th grade students who wish to further their skills in band. The program is designed for students with one to two years of experience in a school band class or on the recommendation of their director. The primary focus of the academy is to challenge the middle school students to enhance their performance skills through ensembles playing, mini-lessons, and director-coached sectionals.

Cooking Camp

Dates	June 24 – June 27
Grades	6 – 8
Time	1:15 PM – 3:15 PM
Location	Grafton High School

Description: This camp is for current 6th through 8th grade students who want to experience the world of culinary arts. This class is for both beginners and master chefs alike. Each day we will feature a different regional cuisine accompanied by a brief lesson about the culture and an opportunity to cook. We hope you will join us as we embark on this delicious journey.

Drone Camp

Dates	Session #1: June 24 – June 27 Session #2: July 1 – July 3
Grades	6 – 8
Time	1:15 PM – 3:15 PM
Location	Grafton High School

Description: Drone, drones, everywhere! This camp is for current 6th through 8th grade students. Learn how to fly a drone and improve your skills. Practice planning and flying Search and Rescue Missions, parachute drops, medical deliveries, and other fun flight activities. Build drone obstacle courses and large tower structures to inspect. No previous experience is required.

English Learner Camp

Dates	July 8 – July 18
Grades	6 – 8 (EL Level 1-2 Students)
Time	1:15 PM – 3:15 PM
Location	Grafton High School

Description: The EL Summer Camp enrichment program for current 6th through 8th grade English Learner students, with a 1 or 2 proficiency level, aims to empower students to lead and strengthen the school and home community while establishing cultural connections. Students will participate in language-rich educational opportunities, authentic learning experiences, and S.T.E.A.M. project-based activities to enhance their English-language acquisition. Join the EL Summer Camp, where language acquisition meets discovery learning, collaboration, and creativity. ***Students for this camp are recommended by the middle school.***

Mosaics with Rubik's Cube

Dates	July 15 – July 18
Grades	6 – 8
Time	1:15 PM – 3:15 PM
Location	Grafton High School

Description: Elevate your students' summer experience with our Innovative Rubik's Cube Mosaic Camp, tailored for current 6th through 8th grade students. Engage young minds in a unique blend of critical thinking, problem-solving, and artistic expression. Our program combines the iconic Rubik's Cube with hands-on mosaic design, fostering cognitive development and spatial awareness. Professionally guided activities enhance logical reasoning and promote teamwork, while cultivating a deep appreciation for STEM-related concepts. Participants not only acquire valuable problem-solving skills but also strengthen their ability to collaborate in a creative environment. This camp offers a balance of fun and educational exploration, aligning with academic principles to ensure an enriching summer experience for students.

STEM Enrichment Camp

Dates	July 15 – July 25
Grades	7 – 8
Time	1:15 PM – 3:15 PM
Location	Grafton High School

Description: The STEM Enrichment Camp is for current 7th and 8th grade students who want to dive into the world of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) with hands-on activities that will spark curiosity and ignite imagination. Students will engage in real-world challenges waiting to be solved using the power of creativity and the engineering design process. This camp will feature special guests and field trips to help students explore STEM concepts in the real-world. ***Military connected students are prioritized for registration.***

Middle School Advanced Course Prep

Dates	June 24 – July 3
Grades	7 – 8
Time	1:15 PM - 3:15 PM
Format	Virtual (Microsoft Teams)

Description: Students will work synchronously online with their teacher to review essential study skills for engaging in rigorous course work. Students will learn note taking skills, resiliency, time management, reading skills, and work to develop skills for analysis and application. ***Students for this camp are recommended by the school site based on the camp requirements and prerequisites.***

World Language Enrichment/Exposure Camp

Dates	Session #1: July 15 – July 18 Session #2: July 22 – July 25
Grades	6 – 7 (Military Connected Students)
Time	1:15 PM - 3:15 PM
Location	Grafton High School

Description: This camp is for current 6th and 7th grade military connected students who have demonstrated aptitude with language skills. This camp will provide students exposure to language, music, and culture in both the German and Spanish languages to engage curiosity and promote critical thinking. ***Military connected students are prioritized for registration.***

Virtual High School Summer Academy

Virtual High School (VHS) Summer Academy is an online learning program designed for rising 9th grade through current 12th grade students. Parents or guardians who wish to enroll their student(s) in the Virtual High School Academy may complete the [Summer Academy 2024 Request Microsoft Form](#).

Course Credits & Credit Recovery

A student may earn up to one (1) original credit or two (2) repeat credits (recovery credit) each summer. Recovery credit is designed to enable students who have previously failed to earn credit for a high school credit course to earn a passing final grade for the course by demonstrating mastery of essential content.

Each original full-credit course requires 140 online instructional class hours. To meet this state requirement, students are responsible for completing the required instructional hours and must complete approximately 6 hours of asynchronous coursework daily Monday - Friday. **Credit cannot be awarded to students who fail to complete the required hours of instruction.**

Each recovery credit course requires 70 online instructional assignment hours. **Credit cannot be awarded to students who fail to complete the required hours of online instruction.**

Course Enrollment Guidelines

- During Virtual High School Summer Academy students may earn-one (1) original credit or two (2) repeat credits (recovery credit) each summer.
- Current 12th graders may take more than one original credit course, if necessary, to meet requirements to graduate on time in the July 2024 cohort at the end of Summer Academy.
- Driver Education is only available in person during Summer Academy.
- Behind-the-Wheel instruction is not offered through Virtual High School Summer Academy.
- Courses with insufficient enrollment may not be offered during the Virtual High School Summer Academy session.

Registration

Students currently enrolled in the York County School Division may register for a summer course with Virtual High School Summer Academy. Parents or guardians who wish to enroll their student(s) in the Virtual High School Academy may complete the [Summer Academy 2024 Request Form](#).

No original credit course registrations will be accepted after June 7th. No recovery credit course registrations will be accepted after June 20th.

Tuition & Fees

1 Year-long Original Credit Course	\$450	1 Semester Original Credit Course	\$225
1 Recovery Credit Course	\$50	In Person Driver Education Only	\$110

Families may pay Summer Academy tuition through **Rycor** or by **check** made payable to:

York County School Division
302 Dare Rd Yorktown, VA 23692
Attention: Teresa LaNeave, Budget and Financial Analyst

Questions about Rycor should be directed to the YCSD Help Desk at 757-527-4819. Questions regarding payment and fees should be directed to the Summer Academy office at (757) 890-5012 beginning June 20th.

Tuition must be paid in full to complete registration. **Students with unpaid tuition at the end of the second week of their Summer Academy courses will be withdrawn.**

Withdrawal and refund requests must be made by the end of the first week of instruction. **No refund of tuition will be made if a student withdraws after the second week of Summer Academy, is dismissed for disciplinary reasons, or is withdrawn for inactivity.**

Course Offerings

The following courses may be offered in Virtual High School Academy for original credit or repeat credit (credit recovery). Course availability is contingent on enrollment and staffing. ***Rising 9th graders are limited to Health/PE 9 and courses that were formally credit omitted for Original Credit.***

Year-long Courses

V1130 English 9	V1140 English 10
V2215 World History I	V2216 World History II
V2440 Virginia & US Govt.	V3130 Algebra I
V3134 Algebra, Functions & Data Analysis	V3162 Math Analysis
V5530 Spanish III	V5110 French I
V4210 Earth Science I	V4310 Biology I
V4340 Ecology	V6120 Econ & Personal Finance
V4200 Environmental Science	V1160 English 12
V1150 English 11	V2360 Virginia & US History
V2210 World Geography	V3135 Algebra II
V3143 Geometry	V5520 Spanish II
V5510 Spanish I	V5130 French III
V5120 French II	V4510 Physics
V4410 Chemistry	V7405 Health/PE10
V7300 Health/PE9	

Semester-long Course

Course	Dates	
V31602 Algebra III	June 20 – July 9**	**Course dates offered for semester-long courses could vary based on student enrollment and teacher discretion.
V31602 Trigonometry	July 10 – July 25**	

If a student needs a course that is not available at YCSD Summer Academy, contact your school counselor for guidance.

In-Person Driver Education

Dates	June 20 – July 8
Grade	10 – 11
Time	8:05 AM – 12:20 PM
Location	Grafton High School

Date	July 9 90-Minute Driver Education Parent Meeting
Grade	10 – 11 (All students participating in Driver Ed)
Time	5:30 PM
Location	Grafton High School

Program Dates

The Virtual High School Summer Academy Program will run from June 20th – July 25th. Schools and offices will be closed on July 4th in observation of the July 4th, Independence Day holiday.

Virtual High School Summer Academy Graduation is scheduled for July 25th at 4:00 PM in the Grafton High School Auditorium. More information will be communicated to all graduating seniors and their families.

Summer Academy Course Orientations

Online course orientations for enrolled students in Virtual High School Academy will be held by teachers on Tuesday, June 18th in Microsoft Teams. **Orientation links will be available in the announcements of each Summer Academy course on the student's Canvas dashboard by Monday, June 17th at noon.**

End of Course SOL Testing

Students taking high school credit bearing courses may need to take SOLs to earn verified credits to satisfy Virginia state graduation requirements. Only eligible students and families will be notified of required testing associated with the Summer Academy courses they are enrolled in.

End of Course Writing SOL Tests	July 9 -10
Other End of Course SOL Tests	July 23 - 24
VHS Course Required Assessments	Details will be communicated by course teachers.

SOL Writing Academy

Dates	June 24 – July 8 SOL Testing for Writing- July 9 and July 10
Grade	11
Time	8:05 AM – 12:20 PM
Location	Grafton High School

Description: This academy is for students who passed the English 11 course but did not earn a passing score on the Spring Writing SOL. The English 11 Writing SOL is one of the verified credits required to satisfy Virginia state graduation requirements. This academy will focus on testing strategies and content support and will be facilitated by a YCSD English teacher. At the conclusion of the Writing Academy, students have the opportunity to retake the Writing SOL and attempt to earn this required verified credit prior to the start of the 2024-2025 school year. Students will be recommended by their school counselor.

SOL Reading Academy

Dates	July 11 – July 23 SOL Testing for Reading- July 23 or July 24
Grade	11
Time	8:05 AM – 12:20 PM
Location	Grafton High School

Description: This academy is for students who passed the English 11 course but did not earn a passing score on the Spring Reading SOL. The English 11 Reading SOL is one of the verified credits required to satisfy Virginia state graduation requirements. This academy will focus on testing strategies and content support and will be facilitated by a YCSD English teacher. At the conclusion of the Writing Academy, students have the opportunity to retake the Reading SOL and attempt to earn this required verified credit prior to the start of the 2024-2025 school year. Students will be recommended by their school counselor.

High School Credit Courses

Students will be required to complete assignments Monday through Friday of each week. High school credit courses require consistent effort, daily participation, and assignment completion. We recommend designating approximately 6 hours per day for Summer Academy original credit coursework and approximately 4 hours per day for recovery credit coursework. Students should review instructional materials and complete assignments daily. Regular communication with virtual teachers will help ensure academic success.

On-Site Labs

Students participating in VHS Summer Academy courses may attend the virtual labs available at the Middle School Summer Academy site for in person assistance from June 24th - July 22nd during normal Summer Academy operating hours between 8:05 AM – 12:05 PM. All labs will be supported by a lab facilitator and content area licensed teachers on rotation. Students may take advantage of transportation provided by the York County School Division.

Technology Requirements

Students who enroll in Virtual High School Summer Academy require daily, reliable access to a computer or laptop with internet access to be successful in their courses. Students may continue using the York County School Division issued device. Internet access is available at York County public libraries. If you have additional concerns regarding internet access, please contact the Summer Academy Office.

Canvas Learning Management System

VHS courses are conducted using a web-based learning management system called Canvas. Canvas courses are organized in modules, making material easily accessible for students. The main components of a VHS course are:

- Announcements—Communication of important information and updates
- Calendar—Schedule of assignments, activities, and due dates
- Modules—Content is separated into units or modules and is accessible in the course navigation menu.
- Assignments/Assessments—Coursework will be assigned and graded in Canvas.
- Grades—ASPEN is the YCSD gradebook of record. Assignment and assessment grades for virtual courses will be transferred to ASPEN. Students and families should check ASPEN at regular intervals for an accurate report of grades.

Communication

Ongoing communication is essential in an online learning environment. Students and instructors have various tools for online communication, including:

- Discussions—Discussion forums allow for asynchronous communication. Participants discuss course content, ask questions, and reply to prompts. Discussion threads can also be e-mailed to students and instructors.
- Inbox—Canvas Inbox messaging allows for communication between students and teachers.
- Microsoft Teams—Requested sessions with teachers are online via Teams and can include use of the chat, audio, video, and file sharing abilities.

YCSO Virtual Summer Academy Readiness Assessment

This tool should be completed by the student together with the parent(s)/guardian(s) who will support the student's virtual learning during Summer Academy.

YCSO Virtual Course Readiness Assessment

Family Readiness

- Our student will have daily internet access for the duration of Summer Academy.
- Our family will not be traveling outside the continental United States where YCSO accounts and virtual platforms are not supported.
- We are aware that an original credit course has approximately **6 hours of daily asynchronous coursework Monday – Friday and that a credit recovery course has approximately 4 hours of daily asynchronous coursework Monday – Friday.**
- Our student is not participating in an activity, sport, camp, etc., that will prevent them from dedicating the appropriate number of hours to their virtual asynchronous coursework.
- Our student has a dedicated workspace to complete coursework where they have access to supervision, assistance, and learning resources.
- We are willing to proactively monitor our student's academic progress by maintaining a Canvas parent account and communicating regularly with the virtual teachers, lab facilitators, and student connection coaches as appropriate.
- We can support student participation in person at Grafton High School for course-related end of course SOLs, required training/testing, etc.

Student Skills and Attributes

As a student, I am...

- committed to being successful in a virtual learning course this summer.
- motivated, organized, and focused.
- comfortable expressing myself through writing and speaking.
- proficient using a computer and navigating digital resources.
- able and willing to ask for help when necessary.
- capable of using technology to learn and to show what I have learned.

Previous School Data and Experiences

My student has...

- no record of chronic absenteeism or truancy.
- no record of disciplinary infractions involving internet or technology use. (e.g. cyberbullying, IUP infractions)
- been successful learning and submitting assignments in a virtual format in the past.

One or more unchecked items may indicate barriers to virtual learning this summer.

High School Enrichment Courses/Opportunities

High School Enrichment Courses and Opportunities will be held virtually through Microsoft Teams unless otherwise noted. Transportation service will be provided for students participating in the Summer Academy Enrichment Camps located at Grafton High School. The transportation schedule will be available in late May and can be found on the [YCSD Summer Academy website](#).

General Information for High School Summer Academy Enrichment Courses/Opportunities

- Location:** High school enrichment courses and opportunities will be held in Microsoft Teams, unless otherwise indicated below.
- Dates:** Specific Summer Academy Enrichment dates are shown on Academic Program pages.
- Registration:** Registration is completed through a Microsoft Form found on the YCSD Summer Academy page found at: bit.ly/YCSDSummerPrograms.
- Virtual Sessions:** Students registered for virtual enrichment opportunities and camps will access these resources through their Canvas dashboard. Microsoft Teams links and information regarding live sessions will be posted in the course announcements.
- Contact Information:** Aaron Dodge, Summer Academy Administrator for Secondary Enrichment Camps and Family Engagement, can be contacted at: adodge@ycsd.york.va.us. Beginning June 20th, the Secondary Summer Academy office will be open, and they can be reached at (757) 890-5012 for questions relating to Secondary Camps and Family Engagement.
- Transportation:** Transportation service will be provided for on-site programs. The transportation schedule will be available in late May on the YCSD Summer Academy website.
- Conduct:** Students participating in Summer Academy Programs must abide by the York County School Division Student Handbook, Student Conduct Code, and Acceptable Use Policy. Copies of these documents can be found on the YCSD website.

College & Career Readiness

AP BootCamps:

Summer Academy AP BootCamps will run according to the individual AP BootCamp teacher's schedule, weekly from June 24th - July 25th. AP BootCamps will consist of once weekly 60-minute Microsoft Teams sessions and will center around background knowledge review and essential skills for success in associated AP Courses. In addition to a weekly live session, students will work asynchronously in Canvas focusing on a new topic each of the five weeks. Please note that these program offerings are for enrichment only and do not bear any high school credit, nor will they appear on student transcripts.

[AP BootCamp](#) registration can be found on the YCSD Summer Academy website.

AP Calculus AB/BC

Dates	June 25, July 2, July 9, July 16, July 23
Grades	9 – 12
Time	10:00 AM

AP Chemistry

Dates	June 27, July 3, July 11, July 18, July 25
Grades	9 – 12
Time	11:00 AM

AP Environmental Science

Dates	June 26, July 3, July 10, July 17, July 24
Grades	9 – 12
Time	11:00 AM

AP Government

Dates	June 26, July 3, July 10, July 17, July 24
Grades	9 – 12
Time	10:00 AM

AP History Skills

Dates	June 27, July 3, July 11, July 18, July 25
Grades	9 – 12
Time	11:00 AM

AP Human Geography

Dates	June 26, July 3, July 10, July 17, July 24
Grades	9 – 12
Time	10:00 AM

AP Physics

Dates	June 25, July 2, July 9, July 16, July 23
Grades	9 – 12
Time	11:00 AM

AP Statistics

Dates	June 25, July 2, July 9, July 16, July 23
Grades	9 – 12
Time	4:30 PM

AP English Language

Dates	TBD
Grades	9 – 12
Time	TBD

Future Ready Graduates Workshop

This summer YCSD will host a workshop to help families and students acquire the skills and knowledge necessary for success in future educational experiences, the workforce, and life. The [Future Ready Graduates Workshop](#) registration form can be found on the YCSD Summer Academy website.

Getting Familiar with the FAFSA

Date	July 25
Grade	9 - 12
Time	6:00 PM
Format	Virtual

Description: Lean on the Virginia Peninsula Community College (VPCC) experts to explain the various components of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

The Game of Life Summer 2024

Navigate the challenges of adulthood during these hands-on workshops. Participants will engage in learning experiences that build the knowledge, skills, habits, and traits to become more self-sufficient and independent. Session topics include meal planning and kitchen basics, car care and home maintenance, and personal branding. See full workshop descriptions below. Workshop locations are to be determined. Students are responsible for their own transportation. Additional details will be communicated directly to registered students. The [Game of Life](#) registration form can be found on the YCSD Summer Academy website.

Session #1 -Meal Planning and Kitchen Basics

Date	June 25
Grades	9 – 12
Time	12:00 PM – 1:00 PM
Location	In person location TBD

Description: Build confidence in the kitchen as you explore meal planning, nutrition information, interpreting food labels, and food safety and storage. This workshop will equip you with the tools and knowledge to establish healthy eating habits.

Session #2- Basic Car Care & Maintenance

Date	July 9
Grades	9 – 12
Time	12:00 PM – 1:30 PM
Location	In person location TBD

Description: Get ready to roll up your sleeves for an immersive workshop. Learn the basics of tire maintenance, fluid checks, roadside safety, and common car problems. This workshop is your ticket to becoming a more empowered and capable car owner.

Session #3- Basic Home Maintenance

Date	July 16
Grades	9 – 12
Time	12:00 PM – 1:00 PM
Location	In person location TBD

Description: Explore the fundamental skills needed to tackle common home maintenance tasks. Learn the basics for safely maintaining your living space, identifying common problems, and the must-have tools for basic home repairs. This hands-on workshop will prepare you to handle common household issues confidently.

Session #4- Planning for the Future

Date	July 23
Grades	9 – 12
Time	1:00 PM – 2:00 PM
Location	In person location TBD

Description: Embark on a journey towards success during this dynamic workshop. Learn the fundamentals of building your personal brand and enhancing your communication skills. Begin planning for your long-term goals and aspirations. Equip yourself with essential tools and knowledge to thrive in today's ever-changing world.

Transition Tuesdays for Students with Disabilities

Transition Tuesdays are informational sessions intended for parents of students with disabilities and students with disabilities. Representatives from agencies in the local region will deliver presentations to inform the audience about program offerings, available resources, eligibility process, and answer questions. While many of the Transition Tuesday presentations are most appropriate for current secondary students, it is never too early for parents of elementary school-aged children with disabilities to attend and gather information. All sessions will occur via Zoom from 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM on the dates below. The [Transition Tuesdays](#) registration form can be found on the YCSD Summer Academy website.

Hampton Roads Workforce Council

Dates	June 25
Grades	Pre K – Post Graduate
Time	12:00 PM – 1:00 PM
Format	Virtually though Zoom

Description: The Hampton Roads Workforce Council (HRWC) is a special purpose unit of local government that oversees workforce development programs and initiatives for cities across the Peninsula.

Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services (DARS)

Dates	July 2
Grades	Pre K – Post Graduate
Time	12:00 PM – 1:00 PM
Format	Virtually though Zoom

Description: Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services supports students 14 and up with post-secondary employment, education, training and independent living resources and opportunities.

Driver Rehabilitation Center of Excellence

Dates	July 9
Grades	Pre K – Post Graduate
Time	12:00 PM – 1:00 PM
Format	Virtually though Zoom

Description: The Driver Rehab Center offers a variety of supports for individuals with disabilities to gain independence in driving.

Parent Education Advocacy Training Center (PEATC)

Dates	July 16
Grades	Pre K – Post Graduate
Time	12:00 PM – 1:00 PM
Format	Virtually though Zoom

Description: PEATC provides professional development for parents, students and educators on important topics of independent living, self-determination and community resources to families of students with disabilities.

Moms in Motion

Dates	July 23
Grades	Pre K - Post Graduate
Time	12:00 PM – 1:00 PM
Format	Virtually through Zoom

Description: This agency provides support to families of students with disabilities to navigate the Medicaid waiver process, as well as gain access to other community resources.

Language Immersion Experiences for Upper Level German and Spanish Students

This enrichment program will provide students with immersion experiences designed and implemented by the Language Specialist in collaboration with World Language teaching staff. Students will arrive at Grafton High School during posted Summer Academy hours and have a second language immersion experience led by a certified language teacher. The expectation will be that both students and staff navigate the experiences completely in the target language. These camps are funded by the DoDEA World Language Grant with the goal of increasing the number of YCSD students who earn the VDOE graduation Seal of Biliteracy. Registration for one of these experiences can be found on the YCSD Summer Academy website under [Secondary Camps](#) forms.

German Immersion

Dates	Session #1: July 15 – July 18 Session #2: July 22 – July 25
Grades	Current German level III and IV (Military connected students)
Time	8:05 AM- 12:20 PM
Location	Grafton High School

Description: Current German level III and IV students who have demonstrated aptitude with language skills. Military connected students will have priority due to limited availability.

Spanish Immersion

Dates	Session #1: July 15 – July 18 Session #2: July 22 – July 25
Grades	Current Spanish level III and IV (Military connected students)
Time	8:05 AM- 12:20 PM
Location	Grafton High School

Description: Current Spanish level III and IV students who have demonstrated aptitude with language skills. Military connected students will have priority due to limited availability.

STEM Enrichment Camp

The STEM Enrichment Camp is for current 9th and 10th grade students who are interested in learning about Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) career pathways through interactive and hands-on activities. By applying the engineering design process, students will plan and design prototypes to solve real-world challenges. This camp will also feature special guests and field trips to help students explore diverse STEM career pathways. Registration for STEM Camp can be found on the YCSD Summer Academy website under [Secondary Camps](#) forms. Military connected students will have priority due to limited availability.

Dates	July 8 – July 18
Grades	9 – 10 (Military connected students)
Time	8:05 AM- 12:20 PM
Format	Grafton High School

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