Rockford Public Schools is pleased to offer up to ten weeks of programming for your student this summer! While we have to deliver the programs remotely, we are using federal and state grant funds to offer more opportunities for more students than ever before at no cost to you.

You and your student can choose from programs that are available to everyone, programs that have limited capacity due to higher connections to faculty and staff, and community-based programs. You’ll also have regular access to counselors and technical assistance.

This brochure provides you a brief description of programs that are offered for students. Please read through the offerings and either fill out the registration form and mail it to us in the included envelope or submit the registration at: [link to google form](#). Full details for all programs are available at [www.rps205.com](http://www.rps205.com). *In order to ensure supplies are available for your student, please register at least 2 weeks prior to each session’s beginning. Please request a Chromebook by June 3rd for any summer program.*

**IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION:**
Bilingual: 815-966-3195 (Newcomers and English Learners)
Early Childhood: 815-229-2103
Improvement and Innovation: 815-489-7277 (Registration and CAMP)
Special Education: 815-490-5437 (IEPs and ESY)
District website: [www.rps205.com](http://www.rps205.com)
For Early Childhood Students:
Always Available Resources – click here

Programs that require registration and are first come-first served:
Our teachers and staff will provide engaging activities for 3-5 year olds throughout the summer. Please check the offerings on the district’s website, www.rps205.com. We are also excited to provide our first-ever Kindergarten Transition Kit for students who will be entering Kindergarten in the Fall – details soon!

For Elementary Students (K-5)
Always Available Resources – click here

Programs that require registration and are first come-first served:
Retreats A – June 22-26
K-2 Students will utilize our foundational literacy program on a daily basis, as well as engage in activities based on our core curriculum of Integrated Literacy (with Social Science and Science content), Social-emotional learning plus Math every day.
3-5 Students will engage in activities based on our core curriculum of Integrated Literacy (with Social Science and Science content), Social-emotional learning plus Math every day.
Water, Water, Water (K-8) Students will learn about the beauty and uses of different water facilities in our area while improving their environmental awareness.
Beauty in the Valley (K-12) Participants will virtually experience a variety of natural settings that form the basis of the beauty found in the Rock River Valley.
Where’s Rhythm? (K-5) Students will study the ‘rhythms of nature’ through reading, drama, music, visual arts, mathematical movement and technology.

Retreats B – June 29 – July 2
K-2 Students will utilize our foundational literacy program on a daily basis, as well as engage in activities based on our core curriculum of Integrated Literacy (with Social Science and Science content), Social-emotional learning plus Math every day.
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CAMP July 6-31
Stay connected! Register for CAMP for our most supportive summer experience. This 4-week long experience for students will include daily online sessions with teachers, Rockford Park District and Discovery Center staff, engaging online content, and real-world activities to keep them curious, engaged, and making progress while school is out. Full details are available on the District’s website and in PeachJar.

Students whose IEP indicate Extended School Year will also participate in remote learning. The Special Education Department will send registration and other information to these families. If your child has an IEP and has been invited to participate in the Camp activities, a special education teacher may be checking in with your child during the summer Camp timeframe.
Retreats C – August 3-7

**K-2 Students** will utilize our foundational literacy program on a daily basis, as well as engage in activities based on our core curriculum of Integrated Literacy (with Social Science and Science content), Social-emotional learning plus Math every day.

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Retreats D – August 10-14

**K-2 Students** will utilize our foundational literacy program on a daily basis, as well as engage in activities based on our core curriculum of Integrated Literacy (with Social Science and Science content), Social-emotional learning plus Math every day.

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Retreats E – August 17-21

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For Middle School Students

*Always Available Resources – [click here](#)*

**Programs that require registration and are first come-first served:**

Retreats A – June 22-26

**6-8 Students** will work from our core curriculum to continue their learning in content from Social Science, Science, English Language Arts, Social-emotional learning and Mathematics every day.

**Newcomer 6-8** students will interact with cross-disciplinary content and expand their English language, literacy and math skills needed for the successful mastery of the curricular learning goals. Students will be immersed in real-world scenarios and interactive tasks designed to reinforce their essential academic skills.

**Architecture as Story** (7-12) Students will explore the region’s rich architectural history and document their discoveries in a digital format.

**Water, Water, Water** (K-8) Students will learn about the beauty and uses of different water facilities in our area while improving their environmental awareness.

**Beauty in the Valley** (K-12) Participants will virtually experience a variety of natural settings that form the basis of the beauty found in the Rock River Valley.

Retreats B – June 29 – July 2

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**Retreats C – August 3-7**
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**Retreats D – August 10-14**
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**For High School Students**

**Always Available Resources** – [click here](#)

**Programs that require registration and are first come-first served:**

- **Retreats AB** – A two-week session, June 22-July 2

- **Architecture as Story** Students will explore the region’s rich architectural history and document their discoveries in a digital format.

- **Beauty in the Valley** Participants will virtually experience a variety of natural settings that form the basis of the beauty found in the Rock River Valley.

- **SAT Prep** - Learn content of SAT and test taking strategies, work on sample tests to prepare for SAT testing.

- **Studio Art Drawing and Painting** Selecting from a variety of art making materials, students will be introduced to new techniques and approaches to art making. Students will be challenged to create works that address concepts and craftsmanship as well as personal voice.

- **Studio Art Design** This class explores design as it applies to the creation of art in a studio classroom. Sketchbook journaling will be introduced as a means to idea generation and creative problem solving. A variety of materials will be explored with an emphasis on design concepts.

- **Video Production** This class offers an introduction to video recording and editing; presenting video as communication and art form.

- **Graphic Design** Students will create graphic designs using Adobe Photoshop. Working with their portrait of themselves and celebrities, students will manipulate multiple images to create works that address creative identity self-portraits.

- **Engineering** Students will explore engineering principles and have the opportunity to apply such approaches in a virtual reality setting and simulations (Sketch-up and Design).

- **Publications** Students to explore news literacy, high school newspapers, photography and photojournalism, and newspaper design.

- **Genius Hour** Introduction to Capstone projects: explore, develop and implement problem solving techniques – Passion Projects.

- **Newcomer HS** students will interact with cross-disciplinary content and expand their English language, literacy and math skills needed for the successful mastery of the curricular learning goals. Students will be immersed in real-world scenarios and interactive tasks designed to reinforce their essential academic skills.

**Retreats DE** – a two-week session, August 10-21

- **Architecture as Story** Students will explore the region’s rich architectural history and document their discoveries in a digital format.

- **Beauty in the Valley** Participants will virtually experience a variety of natural settings that form the basis of the beauty found in the Rock River Valley.

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**Always Available Resources For All Students and Families**

**For All Students, Parents, and Guardians:** You are invited to call for assistance from a school counselor, social worker, or Families in Transition (Homeless) advocate. Please call 815-489-7277 and we will connect you. Hours are 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM, June 15-August 21.

**Technical Assistance** – For technical support with your device, call 815.966.3112 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. For program support and questions about summer programming in general, call 815.489.7277 between 8 a.m. and 1 p.m.

**Khan Academy from Home:** Keep your child learning all summer long at their own pace through personalized virtual learning through Khan Academy, a free online platform for children grades 1-12. To get started as a parent, click here for guide to set up your account and learn how you can support your child’s learning with the dashboard and progress updates.

Choose your level of support:
- Fully self-paced. No registration required. Just log on to get started.
- Register and check in regularly with an RPS coach to help with goal-setting and motivation.

**Unplug! Summer Enrichment Series:** Keep your child learning with these no-tech enrichment activities that encourage problem-solving, exploring the world around them, and reinforcing core skills across content that will keep them engaged and curious to spark learning all summer long. You can access these activities online at www.rps205.com or at a school near you every Thursday evening. Check out our routes here. RPS will provide learning activities and supplies. No registration required.

**Meal Distribution** – RPS’s Nutrition Services Team will provide meals via distribution routes. Please check www.rps205.com for up-to-date times and locations.

**Supply Distribution (Grab & Go bus information) -** All supplies needed for retreats and CAMP will be distributed on the same busses as our Unplug! Summer Enrichment Series. Please check on www.rps205.com.

**Programs from Community Partners:** Your child can stay active and engaged throughout the summer with many activities sponsored by community partners. The Rockford Park District, Boys and Girls Club, Discovery Center, Burpee Museum, and others have regularly updated offerings. Click on www.rps205.com for the most up-to-date list we have.
Registration
(Please complete the information below, place it in the postage paid envelope, and drop it in the mail to RPS205)

Student Name: _____________________________________________

Student ID Number: __________________________

Contact Phone Number: ______________________________________

We have a device from the schools that is needed for the summer programs: Yes ___ No ___

We need to borrow a device for the summer programs: Yes ___ No ___

We need assistance with internet access for the summer: Yes ___ No ___

Contact Email Address: _______________________________________

(All other information is based on your child’s last information with his/her school)

_____ Retreat A – List Program: _________________________________

_____ Retreat B – List Program: _________________________________

_____ CAMP for students in grades K-7 only

_____ Retreat C – List Program: _________________________________

_____ Retreat D – List Program: _________________________________

_____ Retreat E – List Program: _________________________________

_____ Retreat A/B (high school only) – List Program: ________________

_____ Retreat D/E (high school only) – List Program: ________________

_____ Khan Academy Coaching (personalized support)

Please register and accept my permission for my child in the program(s) indicated above. I understand there are no costs to me, but the District is required to compile participation and achievement data for use in federal and state mandated reports. Your student will not be identifiable in any report.

Signature: ____________________________  Date: ____________________________
Your student is invited to participate in a wide variety of programs this summer. Please read the brochure!

- No Cost to you
- All Supplies Provided
- Online Resources
- Live Sessions with Teachers and Staff
- Real World Activities

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Mailing Permit Information

Mailing label to family