

MES Summer School Welcome Letter
ARA – Academic Recovery Academy

May 26, 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian of Summer Students:

Welcome to Morningside's 2021 Summer Academic Recovery Academy (Summer ARA)! We anticipate that the next month will be fun, engaging, and busy as we dive into providing remediation and extension opportunities for our students. As we prepare for Day 1 of the program, we would like to share details and collect information that will help us to maintain a successful program. Please read this letter in its entirety.

Summer ARA is an extension of the regular academic program. We will begin on June 2nd, and conclude on June 30th. Classes will meet daily starting promptly at 8:00 a.m. (Dropoff no earlier than 7:30am) and run until 2:30 p.m. Your student's teacher will provide a rigorous learning experience through a blend of rigorous academic activities, projects, and tasks throughout the morning, and project based activities through the lens of STEM in the afternoon. With such a compacted curriculum, regular daily attendance is important.

Safety Measures

As we continue to follow guidelines presented by the CDC, ***it is the responsibility of each student to maintain social distance, wear a mask at all times, and practice frequent hand hygiene. Please discuss this with your child(ren).***

Each day, students must bring:

1. Mask
2. Any personal school supplies needed (teacher will communicate this)
3. Water
4. Lunch (if your student will not be eating an APS lunch; there are no microwaves available, so lunches should be ready to consume). Breakfast will be provided for all students!

Most significant in-school rules affecting students:

- All students will have their temperature taken each day. If a student has an elevated temperature, he/she will be sent home.
- Students must wear an appropriate mask/face covering correctly while inside the building at all times. If a student arrives at school without a mask, a mask will be provided. Students who remove their masks at inappropriate times or wear their masks improperly (below nose, etc.) will be subject to corrective (disciplinary, if needed) action.

- Restrooms will be limited to scheduled breaks, unless there is an emergency.
- All students must engage in frequent hand hygiene, including upon arrival, before and after meals, after bathroom use, after coughing or sneezing, and before dismissal. Ample hand-hygiene supplies will be available in each bathroom and hand sanitizing stations will be provided throughout the school as an extra safety measure.
- Desks and/or tables in the classrooms will be spaced to allow for social distance.
- Students will not share classroom supplies, including pencils, pens, scissors, electronic devices, etc.
- Water fountains have been disabled. Students **must** bring their own water bottle from home, filled before school each day, and marked with their name. Bottle-filling stations are available!

Arrival & Dismissal

Students will follow the same arrival and dismissal procedures that are implemented for the regular school session. Car Riders will use the parking lot off of Virginia Avenue ([see this map](#)). Bus Riders will use the Clemont Drive door at the back of the school. Walkers will use the Main Entrance on Virginia Avenue. For all Summer School transportation information, visit the MES website at www.atlanta.k12.ga.us/mes and click on the Reopening Plans tab!

IMPORTANT ACTION ITEM: Please visit the webpage below to provide us with important transportation information for how your student will be leaving school in the afternoon. This must be filled out for EVERY student attending summer school, even if they returned to school in January, February, or March.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSclMpz3vjM5SnEkoZ7P6HwhrPVSXtCFCsl3JUDI A1jIXR-A/viewform>

Parent/ Teacher Contact

Teachers may be contacted before classes begin in the morning or after they end in the afternoon. If you have an emergency or the need to reach a teacher during the day, please contact the main office at 404-802-8950.

We look forward to serving your Dolphin for this summer school experience!