

April 23, 2021

Dear SEED Students and Families:

We hope you are doing well and enjoying the spring season. The purpose of this letter is to share information about our summer programs. SEED will operate three distinct summer programs this year:

Summer School for Credit Recovery: June 21-July 9, 2021

Students who fail one or more courses during the 2020-2021 school year will be required to attend a virtual summer school program to recover the credit(s). Students will complete the required summer coursework in Edgenuity, our digital curriculum, and will participate in virtual summer classes (via Zoom) between 9 AM and 3 PM with a thirty-minute lunch.

Student Orientation and Academic Enrichment

We are preparing for all students to be back in person next fall when the new school year begins. To help students prepare for the transition back to in-person learning, we are hosting a **required in-person** student orientation and academic enrichment program during the summer. The program will provide students with time to build relationships with peers and staff; get accustomed to living on campus; and accelerate learning over the summer. Students and staff members will follow the health and safety guidelines for masks and social distancing while on campus.

Students will attend the Student Orientation and Academic Enrichment program by grade level according to the schedule below:

July 18-21: 11th and 12th Grade Students

July 25-28: 10th Grade Students

August 1-4: 9th Grade Students

SEED Reads Summer Program

Students will vote on a book to read over the summer. Based on student survey results, SEED will purchase the book for each student and provide the book before the last day of school. We will also provide guidance to students about how to pace themselves while reading the book. All students will also write and submit an essay based on a writing prompt about the book. The books and essays will be discussed during the Student Orientation and Academic Enrichment program. We will also



use the essays as a diagnostic tool to plan curriculum, instruction, and student support when the new school year begins.

These programs are designed to support SEED students in earning credits toward graduation, preparing for in-person learning this fall, and learning over the summer. We will provide additional details about each of the programs in the coming weeks. If you have any questions about our summer programs, please reach out to Rashida Holman-Jones by email rholmanjones@seedschooldc.org or phone (202-329-8961).

In Partnership,

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