



March 2014

To: Parents/Guardians of Grade 8 Students

The Waterloo Region District School Board plans to offer Grade 8 students an opportunity to enroll in summer school programs. This year, Grade 8 students may register for one of the following programs that best supports their learning needs and background knowledge. The High School Preparatory Program is intended for students who need support in the areas of literacy or numeracy. The Reach Ahead Program is available to students who have selected primarily applied type courses in September 2014. These programs aim to improve student achievement by assisting students to consolidate knowledge and skills in their chosen area of focus.

Grade 8 High School Preparatory Program, Locations, and Schedules

This program is for students entering into grade 9 in September 2014, who have achieved a level one or two on their most recent report card. These students would benefit from an interactive half-day learning experience with their peers. Students will choose either a literacy or numeracy focused class.

Location – Kitchener	Program for Senior Elementary Students	Schedule
Bluevale C.I.	Grade 8 High School Preparatory	July 7 to July 25; 8:15am to 12:30pm
Location – Cambridge	Program for Senior Elementary Students	Schedule
Jacob Hespeler S.S.	Grade 8 High School Preparatory	July 7 to July 25; 8:15am to 12:30pm

Reach Ahead Program, Locations, and Schedules:

This program is for students entering into grade 9 in September 2014, who have opted for applied courses and want to learn strategies needed to succeed in high school. This program is a full-day credit granting opportunity.

Location – Waterloo	Program for Senior Elementary Students	Schedule
Sir John A. Macdonald S.S.	Grade 8 Reach Ahead	July 2 to July 25; 8:30am to 3:00pm
Bluevale C.I.	Grade 8 Reach Ahead	July 2 to July 25; 8:30am to 3:00pm
Location – Kitchener	Program for Senior Elementary Students	Schedule
Cameron Heights C.I.	Grade 8 Reach Ahead	July 2 to July 25; 8:30am to 3:00pm
Location – Cambridge	Program for Senior Elementary Students	Schedule
Jacob Hespeler S.S.	Grade 8 Reach Ahead	July 2 to July 25; 8:30am to 3:00pm

Attendance

Daily attendance is an essential requirement in all summer school courses.

Transportation

A bus schedule will be posted on the WRDSB website (<http://transportation.stswr.ca>) in mid June. Typically a student's home school is the bus pick-up and drop-off location.

Registration Packages

Signed registration forms are due back to the home school no later than **Friday, April 25, 2014.**

Thank you for your consideration of this summer school opportunity.