

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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Summer School 2023

Why do I have to pay tuition for a Summer School course?

All costs associated with running the Summer School program (e.g., teachers' salaries, building operations, etc.) are paid for out of the tuition that students are charged. Saskatoon Public Schools does not receive provincial funding from the Ministry of Education to offer Summer School courses, because it operates outside of the provincially legislated school year. Saskatoon Public Schools aims to operate Summer School each year on a break-even budget.

Where can I get a complete schedule of the Summer School courses being offered?

The Summer School <u>website</u> has a registration form, schedule of courses being offered, prerequisites, cost of classes and cancellation/refund policy.

How do I register for a Summer School class?

Fill out the Summer School registration form located <u>here</u>.

What methods of payment do you accept? How and where do I pay for a Summer School course?

We accept cash, debit, VISA or MasterCard but not American Express or cheques. Cash, debit (including VISA debit) or credit payment will be accepted in person at the Saskatoon Public Schools central office, located at 310-21st Street East. Credit card purchases can also be made over the phone and receipts will be mailed out.

How will Summer School operate?

In-person Summer School courses for 2023 will take place at Nutana Collegiate, located at 411-11th Street East in Saskatoon. A list of Summer School classroom numbers and teachers will be posted by the main office at Nutana Collegiate. There will also be a limited number of online classes offered in Summer School 2023

What happens if a class is full?

If a Summer School class is full, your name can be put on a waiting list. Students will only be added for the first two days of Summer School classes. Waiting lists are on a first-come, first-served basis and are not a guarantee you will get into a class.

I am under the age of 18. Do I have to have the prerequisite course before I can take the course I want? What if I am 18 or older?

If you are under the age of 18, then you must have completed the prerequisite course for the Summer School class you want to take. If you take a Summer School course without the prerequisite, you will not get credit for the course from the Ministry of Education. It is the responsibility of the student and their parent/guardian to ensure the student has the prerequisite course before registering for a Summer

If you are age 18 or older, you are not required to have completed the prerequisite course in order to take a Summer School class.

How many Summer School classes can I be absent from and still pass the course?

Summer School courses run for four weeks; therefore, students taking courses are expected to attend all classes and write all exams. If a student is not communicating with the teacher, is not submitting assignments and is falling behind the pace of the course, they may be removed from the class.

Is there a cost for textbooks? Where do I pick up textbooks for the course?

Textbooks remain the property of Saskatoon Public Schools and are loaned to Summer School students attending in-person courses for the length of the course for free. A few in-person classes require textbooks, and these will be handed out by the instructor at the beginning of the course. Not all Summer School online classes will require textbooks, but for those that do, students attending online courses must pay for the textbooks and will receive a full refund when the textbook is returned. Textbooks for online courses can be obtained from your home school library or can be purchased from and returned to the Saskatoon Public Schools central office, located at 310-21st Street East.

Why would a course be cancelled?

A course might be cancelled if there is insufficient enrolment. If a course is cancelled, students who have registered and paid the tuition for that course will have the choice of receiving a full tuition refund or taking another course.

What is the withdrawal/tuition refund policy?

Students who withdraw from a course **before** Summer School begins will receive a full tuition refund.

Once Summer School begins, students who wish to withdraw from a course must notify staff at Saskatoon Public Schools by emailing summerschool@spsd.sk.ca before the start of the third class to receive a tuition refund, minus a \$20.00 administration fee. A tuition refund will not be provided if a student withdraws after the third class has started. Non-attendance is not considered a notification of intention to withdraw.

How many courses can I take at Summer School?

Most Summer School students take one class. For those students who wish to take two classes, they will need to contact the Summer School Supervisor by emailing petersonk@spsd.sk.ca.

When are the final marks available?

Saskatoon Public Schools will email an unofficial transcript of final marks to all Summer School students in early August. Grade 9 students do not receive an official transcript from the Ministry of Education. All official transcripts of marks, if required, can be ordered online from the Ministry of Education here. There is a \$25.00 non-refundable fee for this service.