



## Lafayette County C-1 School District

Dear Parents,

This summer, our school district will offer all students, free of charge, a fun, exciting, and academic approach to learning called **Summer Journey**. Make no mistake about it. Not only will our summer program will be FUN for kids, it will also provide an opportunity for students to experience over 60 hours of academics during the summer months. This academic time will give students the chance to review and apply previously learned skills and knowledge as well as prepare for the school year ahead. **Summer Journey's** extraordinary educational goals are comprised of academic courses with hands-on instruction centered in **reading, language arts, math, and social studies or science**. Other fields of study are also available.

While the academic courses will be relaxed in format—no homework or tests for grades—**Summer Journey** will also offer courses for hands-on exploration and discovery. **Summer Journey** courses may include a rocket class, where students learn the basic principles of flight as they construct and fly real rockets, or a cooking course, where they learn basic cooking techniques. Other courses that may be offered include *Simple Machines*, designed to introduce students to elements of engineering, live well, and *Lifetime Sports*, designed to develop the body and encourage a lifetime of fitness. These are only a sample of the courses that may be offered.

If you are the parent of a child who will be entering Kindergarten in fall 2022, I strongly encourage you to consider enrolling your child in **Summer Journey**. We have noticed that when these young students meet their teachers, fellow students, and our staff during the summer, they are eager to return in the fall and find that “first day of school” experience to be a positive one.

Finally, **Summer Journey** offers an enticing incentive program for students. Students will be eligible to receive **daily** rewards if they come to school, exhibit a positive attitude and behavior, and work to improve their achievement. At the end of the program, some lucky students will also win **Grand Prizes**, which will be awarded on the final day. And, as in past years, all of our students who demonstrate outstanding attendance will be rewarded with **Attendance Recognition** gift cards, ranging from \$50 for “near perfect” attendance to \$100 for “perfect attendance.”

Who should attend **Summer Journey**? Everyone. Simply put, it's good for kids. Look at the information enclosed. You'll be glad you did!

Sincerely,  
Aaron Knipmeyer  
Superintendent

## Frequently Asked Questions

### **What is the *Summer Journey* program?**

The Lafayette County C-1 *Summer Journey* is the extended learning summer program operated by Lafayette County C-1 to provide a world-class educational experience to district students.

### **What does the program cost to parents?**

The programming is free to all students.

### **When will the program be held?**

The Lafayette County C-1 *Summer Journey* operates daily from 8:00am to 3:00pm. It will be held at the Elementary School for grades K-5 and the Middle School for grades 6-8. It will operate from June 6, 2022 to June 30, 2022.

### **Must my child be in attendance every hour of the program in order to receive credit for the *Summer Journey* program?**

No. It is assumed that students may have vacations or camps planned. While prizes for good attendance are available to students, a child's occasional absence should not deter parents from enrolling their children in the program.

### **Will breakfast and lunch be served each day?**

Yes, the District has applied for a special state grant whereby ALL students would receive a free breakfast and lunch daily. In the event the grant is not approved, breakfast and lunch will be served using the same systems that are currently in place.

### **What will my child(ren) do each day?**

In the morning, Elementary and Middle School *Summer Journey* students will attend exciting academic classes where they may read interesting adventure stories, play language arts games, and/or use technology to solve math mysteries. A typical schedule would include four morning classes of Reading, Language Arts, Mathematics, and Science or Social Studies. After lunch, students will explore three fun-filled courses for the first 10 days enrolled in the program, followed by three different courses in the last 9 days.

### **How does the incentive program work?**

Many students will win daily incentives for their efforts through a daily drawing or some similar format established by the summer site. Your student is also eligible to receive one of the following incentives for their *Summer Journey* attendance:

- Perfect attendance = \$100 gift card
- Up to one day missed = \$75 gift card
- Up to two days missed = \$50 gift card

### **How do I enroll my child for *Summer Journey*?**

Online enrollment is available at:  
[www.huskersk12.org](http://www.huskersk12.org).



## Student Incentives

### Attendance Incentives

Student incentives are dependent on attendance.

#### **\$100 Shopping Card**

Perfect attendance

#### **\$75 Shopping Card**

Up to one day missed

#### **\$50 Shopping Card**

Over one day, up to two days missed

Gift cards can be used in the local stores or malls. The attendance incentives are contingent on actual (full-day) attendance in the *Summer Journey*<sup>™</sup> program.

### Daily Incentives

Daily incentives will be awarded to students on basis of good attitude and achievement as determined by each site.

# Lafayette County C-1 Summer Journey™ Course Offerings

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All **Academic Courses** (Language Arts, Mathematics, Reading, Science and/or Social Studies) are offered during morning sessions. All **Journey Courses** are offered during afternoon sessions. Students participate in *Journey* courses for two week blocks, enabling every student to participate in six *Journey* courses.

## Kindergarten

(students entering K in the Fall)

### Let's Go Visiting

Students visit and explore fascinating places in a child's world during the weekly mini-units Let's Visit the Garden, Let's Visit the Zoo, Let's Visit the Farm, and Let's Visit the Aquarium. Building on students' prior knowledge, engaging, theme-related activities foster early learning concepts and skills, such as letter and sound recognition, phonemic awareness, sorting, and counting. Games, manipulatives, literature response, and writing activities inspire active learning while integrated science and social studies concepts support meaningful learning connections and nurture students' natural curiosity.

## Primary

(students entering grades 1, 2, 3 in the Fall)

Movement and Rhythm	Field Day Primary
Launch Into Rockets	Nature with a Twist
The Science of Super Powers	Dirt Camp

## Elementary

(students entering grades 4 & 5 in the Fall)

BrickLAB Build a Better World	Local Action
Field Day Junior	Simple Machines
Claymation	Flight & Aerodynamics

## Road Trip

Pack your bags for an exciting adventure!

Kindergarten students are off on a Kindergarten Road Trip as they visit exciting places during the afternoon portion of the Summer Journey program. After daily quiet time at the rest stop, students will enjoy theme-related activities while traveling to places they explore in engaging read-aloud books. Next, students will rev up their engines as they engage in gross motor play. Last stop is a visit to each destination's activity stations, where students will engage in purposeful play. Summer fun destinations include going fishin', visiting an amusement park, and heading to the beach. From taking a ride on a classroom roller coaster to sailing on the ocean waves, this trip is sure to be a dream vacation!

## Intermediate

(students entering grades 6-8 in the Fall)

Blocksmith Camp	Classroom Cooks
3-D Art Camp	Eggs-traordinary Physics
Podcasting	Daily Challenge Plus

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### *Enrollment Information Enclosed*

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