

GENERAL INFORMATION

BELLINGHAM PUBLIC SCHOOLS – SUMMER SCHOOL 2020

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All summer school courses are taught online, and students will not have any direct contact with teachers in a classroom setting. Students are required to have weekly contact with their instructors. All communication will be done electronically via Blackboard, blogs, zoom, chats, emails, and other communication processes embedded within each program.

We offer four summer high school programs:

1. High school credit retrieval via Edgenuity:

Online classes are available via Edgenuity for students grades 10, 11 and 12+ who need to make up English, math, science or social studies credit due to academic difficulty or other circumstances.

- Cost: free
- Available for students entering grades 10-12, as well as class of 2020 seniors or older needing to complete any final credits.
- Classes run June 22 – July 30, 2020
- Take online classes using the Edgenuity platform
- English, math, science and social studies classes available; no electives
- Students entering grades 10 and 11 may make up credit only. Students in grade 12 or older may take credit ahead for graduation credits needed.
- Teachers hold daily office hours Monday through Thursday via Zoom for 4 hours each day from 8 a.m. - noon.
- To meet state alternative learning environment (ALE) requirements, students need to “check in” at least once a week with teacher via Zoom, email, or equivalent; twice is recommended
- To register, use the [Edgenuity Summer School application](#) from the district website

2. Moodle Health

- Cost: Full pay \$185; \$100 if family qualifies for reduced-price lunch; \$50 if family qualifies for free lunch. Thank you to the Bellingham Public Schools Foundation for its support of reduced tuition.
- Available for all students entering grades 9-12.
- Moodle Health program runs June 22 – July 30, 2020
- To register, use the [BVL, Moodle Health and Tech Lit](#) application from the district website.

3. Bellingham Virtual Learning (BVL)

- Cost: \$185
- Dates of BVL program: June 22 to July 28
- No world language or AP classes offered in summer session.
- To register, use the [BVL, Moodle Health and Tech Lit](#) application from the district website.

4. Technical Literacy

Technical Literacy is a Career and Technical Education course that is a graduation requirement starting with the class of 2021. Students will learn technical skills using Microsoft Office Suite products. Students will cover topics surrounding digital citizenship, reinforce keyboarding skills and begin to develop career awareness to help design their High School and Beyond Plan. This course is typically taken during a student's 9th grade year.

- Cost: Full pay \$185; \$100 if family qualifies for reduced-price lunch; \$50 if family qualifies for free lunch. Thank you to the Bellingham Public Schools Foundation for its support of reduced tuition.
- Available for all students entering grades 9-12.
- Technical Literacy program runs June 22 – July 30, 2020
- To register, use the [BVL, Moodle Health and Tech Lit](#) application from the district website.

FAQ's for Summer School:

How is summer school different from brick and mortar classrooms?

- Students will work remotely and not meet with teachers. Students will communicate with teachers electronically in multiple formats, such as email or message board.
- Students can work at their own pace for course completion.
- All three programs, Edgenuity, Moodle Health and BVL, are online programs supported remotely by highly qualified online teachers.
- There is no daily attendance requirement for Edgenuity, Moodle Health or BVL classes during the summer.

What makes a student a successful online learner?

- Good study habits
- Independent learning skills
- Enjoyment of reading and writing
- Intrinsic motivation
- Ability to problem-solve and work through frustrations
- Ability to stick to a schedule for completing course work
- Ability to foster good communication skills with online instructor

How do we sign up for summer school?

Complete the appropriate application [on district summer school webpage](#) (also linked above). Applications are fillable PDF forms which can be saved and emailed. We recommend you use Adobe Acrobat for filling and saving PDF forms. You may also print and fill out by hand.

Once the application is completed, please email a saved or scanned copy to Robin Montague at Robin.Montague@bellingshamschools.org, or fax to Robin Montague at Options High School: 360-647-6872 (fax).

If you cannot email or fax an application, please drop it off at the district office drop box: 1306 Dupont Street, Bellingham WA. The drop box is a slot in one of the original front doors of the building facing Dupont Street. As one faces the building, it is the far right door.

I need to make a payment for summer school. How do I do that?

Families can make payments for summer school in two ways:

- Use our online payment site: <https://wa-bellingham.intouchrecepting.com/> New users will need to create an account following the directions on the page.
- Drop off a check at the district office drop box, 1306 Dupont Street, Bellingham, WA 98225. The drop box is a slot in one of the original front doors of the building facing Dupont Street. As one faces the building, it is the far right door.

If you need help with payment options, please contact Nancy Barga, summer school principal, at 360-647-6871 ext. 5103

How will my student get support and help if needed?

All summer school courses are supported by highly qualified teachers. All teachers for Edgenuity will hold virtual office hours Monday through Thursdays from 8 a.m. to noon. Moodle Health and BVL will communicate with each student about their own availability for support.

Is the summer school curriculum state-endorsed?

All curriculum is state-approved and meets state standards.

How can parents track students' progress in summer school?

Parents can contact their student's online instructor for specific information on tracking progress in Edgenuity, Moodle Health and BVL.

What happens if my student does not complete the course during summer school?

Student progress and communication during summer school is essential. The instructors and summer school principal Nancy Barga will be in contact with families if students are not making appropriate progress. Options include dropping the course with no credit (NC) or taking an Incomplete and completing the course at a later time.

Does my student's counselor need to sign the registration form?

No. buildings are closed and counselors are not available for signatures. The summer school registrar will contact counselors to make sure students are in appropriate classes.

Questions? Contact:

Nancy Barga, summer school principal

360-647-6871, 5103 or email nancy.barga@bellingshamschools.org

Robin Montague, summer school registrar

360-647-6871, ext. 5105 or email robin.montague@bellingshamschools.org