

STPPS High School Academic Courses
Summer Session 2018
Summer Office Hours Monday-Thursday 7:15am-5pm
General Information
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Summer Session Calendar

- Semester 1- June Session
 - June 4 First day of class for students
 - June 28 Final test and Final submission for the session
- Semester 2- July Session
 - July 2 First day of class for students
 - July 4 School Office closed
 - July 26 Final test and Final submission for the session

Classes are presented to students via an online digital learning platform. Students must have a computer with internet access to complete course assignments. Students must report to the testing sites with an ID.

Please note the attendance and final test policies below

Registration

Registration for the June session will close May 18, 2018. The July session registration will close on June 13, 2018. Complete the registration form and return it with the fee to the a³ Virtual Academy Office. A guidance counselor signature is required for all courses and a Principal's signature is required for New Credit courses.

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Eligible Students

- All applicants must be residents of St. Tammany Parish
- Students in grades 9-12 in the 2017-2018 school session
- Incoming 9th graders are not eligible for the summer session

Fees

The fee is \$200 per course per session. Students may enroll in 2 courses per session. Payments must be:

- cashier's check or money order (attention to: STPSB)
- online: MyPaymentsPlus (instructions located on the stpsb.org website)
- No cash or personal checks will be accepted.

Refunds

Registration fees will be refunded for any class in which the number of enrollees is insufficient (5 or more must enroll for a course to be offered). Fees will not be refunded for any other reason after the first day of class.

Location

Tutoring sessions and Testing will take place in the Slidell High School Library and the Lakeshore High School Library. Students may utilize either location.

Attendance

Students are offered unlimited access to the digital learning platforms throughout the session from home computers to complete course assignments. Attendance is only mandatory on testing days. If a student misses a

test for weeks 1-3, a medical excuse from the doctor must be submitted to the Virtual Academy Office no later than the Monday following the missed test session. Once the excuse has been approved, the student will be allowed to test at the next scheduled tutoring session. There are no make ups for Test 4 (final test). Vacations and transportation issues are not valid excused absences.

School Regulations

STPPS summer session is a voluntary program provided for students seeking credit recovery options. In order to maintain an atmosphere conducive to learning, the same rules and regulations are in effect during the summer session as during the regular school year. Students are not required to wear school uniforms but must comply with all STPPS dress code rules. Student ID badges are required for testing.

Students are required to test every Thursday at the school testing sites. Testing sessions begin at 11a.m.

Students may arrive no later than Noon. Students taking 2 online courses must arrive no later than 11:30 a.m.

The test sessions end promptly at 1:30 p.m.

***Test Week 1 Thursday, June 7 will be available at SHS. Those students testing at LHS may test at the SHS location on June 7 or Test at LHS on Monday, June 11. ***

Study Requirements

Students should submit lessons daily. Due Dates can be found on the Summer Session Calendar, in emails sent to students' webmail accounts, and course Bb home pages.

Study guide information will be located in emails sent to students' webmail accounts, and course Bb home pages.

Free Tutoring is offered for the core subject areas two days per week (with the exception of the week of July 2).

Please notify the course teacher if you plan to attend a tutoring session. Should a student need additional support in an elective course, please contact the Virtual Academy Office the day before so that arrangements can be made.

Digital Learning Platforms

Odysseyware is an online digital curriculum that offers a broad range of comprehensive standards-based course. Math XL is an online digital curriculum used by Algebra I, II, III, Geometry, and Math Essentials students. Blackboard is an online teaching and learning platform that houses student Grade Centers, announcements, and course resources.

Students will also be assigned an email account by the Virtual Academy. This email account must be used to communicate with the online instructor. No emails to or from the teacher should be deleted. Students must check their email a minimum of once every 24 hours.

Parents are encouraged to monitor email accounts weekly for updates and grade information.

All course information, including grading and pacing, will be sent to this email account.

Issues with your Blackboard, MathXL, Odysseyware or webmail accounts must be reported to the Virtual Academy office immediately. Assignments should be started immediately each week so there is time to ask questions or report any issues. Students are not allowed to share account login information with other students.

Grading Policy

Tests are 60% of the Grade and Assignments are 40% of the Grade.

Parents and/or guardians are responsible for tracking grades and progress in these locations.

One unit per week will be assigned and must be submitted by Thursday at 11a.m.

Students will be given 24 hours to submit late assignments. There will be a 50% reduction in points on all late assignments. After 24 hours, students will receive a zero on all late assignments. If an unexpected situation should arise and extended time is needed to complete assignments or take tests, it is your responsibility to contact the online teacher and the coordinator as soon as possible. A doctor's note or other documentation will be required to make-up any work or tests. Only the coordinator can excuse late assignments and missed tests.

All make-up tests for Weeks 1-3 must be scheduled with the coordinator.

Academic fraud will result in a zero on any test or assignment and possible removal from the course.

Final Test Policy

Attendance is mandatory on the last day of each semester, as final examinations are scheduled on that day. Final tests will not be given early.

Final Grades

Grades will be posted in Blackboard and/or Math XL. Final Grades are emailed to the assigned webmail account and sent to STPPS high schools.

Students are responsible for checking with their guidance counselor at the beginning of the school year to make sure summer grades are on their transcript. Non-St. Tammany public school students are responsible for requesting final grades be sent to their school. The school's contact person and email address must be provided.

Credit Overview

1. A student may register for two courses per session. Students are required to meet with their counselor before registering for a course. Counselor signature required.
2. All new credit requests must be approved by the Principal. Principal signature required.
3. If a student is retaking a course, he/she has already passed, the original grade is not deleted from transcript. See your guidance counselor for further explanation.
4. Dropping a course prior to the first Thursday of a session may be requested in writing by parent/guardian. A grade will not be recorded on transcript if dropped the first week of the session. No refund is provided.

Course Offerings

There must be a minimum of five requests to offer a course online

Algebra I	Environmental Science	Health *
Algebra II, III	Chemistry	Speech I
Geometry	English I, II, III, IV	Speech II
Business Math	Business English	Basic Career Readiness
Math Essentials	World Geography	Spanish I, II
Financial Literacy	Government	Principles of Business
Physical Science	American History	Physical Education I, II
Biology	World History	Technical Writing

* Semester course offered both sessions. All other courses are first and second semester courses.

EOC/LEAP 2025 Course Offerings

EOC/LEAP 2025 course enrollment contingent upon the following information:

Algebra 1, Geometry, English I (entered HS Fall 2017), English II, English III, and Biology

US History – students will take A in June and B in July. Those needing to retake the LEAP 2025 will do so in December 2018.

Semester A Final Grade	Semester B Final Grade	EOC/LEAP 2025 Score	Summer Session
Fail	Fail	Fail	No Summer
Fail	Fail	Pass	June for A July for B
Fail	Pass	Pass	June for A
Pass	Fail	Fail	June for B
Pass	Fail	Pass	July for B

