

2023 Student Summer Learning Program

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The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (EECD) is offering a **free** summer learning program for students. It is open to students entering grades 10, 11, or 12 in the upcoming school year and to those who graduate in June 2023. To be eligible, you need to be registered in a New Brunswick high school, in June of this year, in one of the four Anglophone districts.

This program allows you to earn a mark that will be added to your regular school transcript. These are full courses and take a significant amount of time to complete (~**4 hours each day**). If you want to improve a mark or get ahead in a course, *and you have the time to commit*, this program might be for you.

This program requires daily attendance and participation. If you are unable to commit the required time, this program is not a good fit for you. These courses will be available online in the fall as well.

Key Dates

Registration opens	June 1 st	Courses begin	June 28 th
Last day to register	June 23 rd	Last day of courses	July 27 th

Courses Offered (note: some courses have prerequisites)

English Language Arts

- English Language Arts 10: Literary Texts
- English Language Arts 112: Informational Texts
- English 122

Humanities

- Modern History 112/113
- Media Studies 120

Mathematics

- Number, Relations, and Functions 10
- Foundations of Math 110
- Pre-Calculus 110
- Pre-Calculus A 120
- Pre-Calculus B 120

Sciences

- Chemistry 112 / Chemistry 122
- Physics 112 / Physics 122

French

- FSL Writing 110

Students can take a maximum of one course. Students entering Grade 10 are only eligible to take *either* English Language Arts 10: Literary Texts **or** Number, Relations, and Functions 10.

It's not enough to sign-up, you have to show-up

Our experience from previous summers is that students who work consistently throughout the course are successful. Students not making a consistent effort fall behind and are not successful.

While it is unpleasant to talk about, students not working in the course will be removed. This ensures that teachers have time to grade and give feedback, and that you are actually learning the content. It's not possible to start late, miss a week in the middle, or only work when you want. It can't be done in the last two weeks. If you can't make this course your top priority, it's advisable that you don't take it.

To Register

Registration will take place through your school, in the same way as regular online courses. Check with guidance or administration at your school for information. Courses may need to meet a minimum enrollment threshold to be offered. Schools will be notified of any changes to the course list and other information.

Information for students and families

Q. How many courses can I take?

A. Students can enroll in a maximum of one course.

Q. Can I also take regular summer school at the same time?

A. This is definitely not recommended. You'll miss the opportunity to connect with your online teacher while the course is happening. It would also mean spending most of your day working on courses.

Q. What's the workload like?

A. It's an 18-week course done over one month. You can expect to be putting in several hours each day. This is not a self-paced course.

Q. Why might I be dropped from my course?

A. We want to make sure the course is preparing you for what comes next; if you're not active, not submitting work, or otherwise not putting in the required time, it's probably better for you to try the course in the fall.

Q. Why am I being asked to provide a phone number and/or outside email address?

A. Schools are closed. If we can't reach you through your student account, we will use this information.

Q. How is the course offered? Who teaches it?

A. Courses will be offered in Brightspace, the same platform as regular distance learning courses. Courses are taught by NB teachers. You participate from home.

Q. Do I need to have taken the course before, like with regular summer school?

A. No, it's not necessary. You can take a new course for the experience or to free up your schedule. You do need to have the necessary prerequisites to be enrolled.

Q. Do I need to be available each day? When do I need to be online?

A. Yes, you need to demonstrate evidence of working each day. Teachers will be available in the morning and possibly other times by special arrangement.

Q. How is my mark recorded? What if I don't pass?

A. At the end of the course, we will send your final mark to your school. They will update your transcript. If you

are unsuccessful, or you earn a lower mark on a repeat attempt of a course, it won't be recorded.

Q. What do I need for equipment?

A. You will need a computer to complete the course (PC or Mac). Where all content is online, internet access is required. For software, you need an up-to-date browser (e.g., Edge or Chrome).

Q. What information do I need to sign in? How will I know how to start? (<https://nbvlc.nbed.nb.ca>)

A. You'll use your regular NBSS username and password. Before the course starts, you'll receive an email from the teacher with information about how to get started. Courses will open on the first day.

Q. Do I have to submit assignments and complete activities every day?

A. Yes. Each day will be like four regular days of class. It will go by quickly.



Q. This isn't what I expected / I found a summer job / I no longer need to take this course... now what?

A. Please notify your online teacher and they will withdraw you from the course.

Q. I still have questions!

A. Throughout the semester we update schools with additional information. You can also email distance.learning@nbed.nb.ca with questions. Please include some specifics so we know how to best answer your questions.