

Student Guide – SMILE Programs In Person Delivery

Program Description

The Summer Meaningful Innovative Learning Experience (SMILE) summer program provides students who have completed grade 6, 7 or 8 the opportunity to deepen and extend their skills in literacy and/or numeracy or to reach ahead and learn new skills to prepare for the next grade through our innovative SMILE program. The SMILE program will engage students in coding activities that incorporate problem solving, critical thinking, creativity, collaboration, reasoning, spatial awareness, and sequencing. This program builds literacy and numeracy skills for student success. Each daily program will be taught by an OCT qualified teacher and supported by an educational tutor. **The expectation is that students are engaged from 8:30 AM to 2:00 PM, Monday to Friday.** This program is delivered in person but much of the content will require access to Chromebooks or personal laptops to enhance and consolidate learning. Instruction may include students watching video lessons, participating in live or online interactive lessons, completing assigned tasks either or in an online classroom environment, and participating in group classroom activities.

Regular attendance is suggested to allow students to benefit from this program. Students should be available for activities from 8:30 AM to 2:00 PM for the duration of the program. Time will be allotted each day for nutrition breaks.

Course Registration Deadlines

Registration closes Wednesday June 29, 2022, 11:59 AM (EST). Additional registrations may be accepted after these dates if space permits. **Durham Continuing Education reserves the right to revise, limit or cancel programming because of the COVID-19 pandemic, enrollment, and other circumstances. Students will be notified of course cancellations.**

Program Dates

July 6 – July 29, 2022

Program Locations

Pickering HS, Pickering
DA Wilson SS, Whitby
Maxwell Heights, Oshawa

Course Access – Online components for In-person programs

Durham District School Board students – all DDSB students will access their course using DDSB credentials via the MyCampus portal (<http://student.ddsb.ca>). Courses may not be accessible until the first day of program. **All other students** will receive login instructions at least 3 days prior to course start. Courses may not be accessible until the first day of the program.

Technical and Login Assistance: if you are unable to login as instructed, please complete the [Request for Technical Assistance Form](#) ONCE ONLY. The DCE team will work through responses on a first come first served basis.

Progress Reports

Progress reports will be provided by the teacher on the final day of the program. If you are aware that you will be absent on the final day of the program, make sure you connect with your teacher to make alternate arrangements for reporting. **Progress information will NOT be given out over the telephone.**

Course Withdraw

Students must withdraw using our online [Withdraw Form](#)

DDSB Secondary School Acceptable and Safe Use Procedure for Computing and Information Technology

The Durham District School Board’s computing and information technology facilities and resources are made available to students in support of their learning, research requirements and career preparation. Students and parents/guardians will be asked to review the [DDSB’s Secondary School Acceptable and Safe Use Procedure for Computing and Cyber Safety](#)

NOTE: Use of a laptop, tablet or desktop computer is **REQUIRED** for this program. The program is not designed for completion on a cell phone.