Program Overview

Elementary Literacy/Numeracy Program (SMILE)/SMILE-e

The elementary SMILE/SMILE-e summer program provides students who have completed grade 6, 7 or 8 opportunities 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. This is a full day program.

The SMILE program will engage students in coding activities that incorporate problem solving, critical thinking, creativity, collaboration, reasoning, spatial awareness, and sequencing. This is a full day program from 8:30 AM to 2:00 PM daily. Each class will be taught by an OCT qualified teacher and supported by an educational tutor. Students will have a supervised lunch period from 11:00 AM to 11:30 AM. Students participating in our in-person program will be required to stay on site during the lunch hour. No food service is available on site.

Note: To support the success of identified students who receive modifications or accommodations to their program during the school year, please ensure that you submit a copy of your child's IEP to Continuing Education prior to the start of the program. This will be forwarded to the summer school site/teacher. If you have questions, please call Michele Reid, Head of Credit Programs – Durham Continuing Education – 905.436.3211. Documents may be submitted to Durham Continuing Education by FAX to 905.436.1780 or via email to DCEInfo@ddsb.ca.

Transportation: Buses will be available for the SMILE program only to in-person sites in the southern regions of Durham. There is no bussing from Uxbridge, Port Perry, or Brock to in person programs. Students in Uxbridge, Port Perry and Brock areas are encouraged to sign up for the online synchronous SMILE-e program.

The program begins Wednesday July 6, 2022, and concludes Friday July 29, 2022. Although it is recommended that students attend all classes, some absences can be accommodated. Any planned absences should be discussed with the summer school site principal.

Program Locations

The Elementary Program will be offered at three (3) sites a within Durham: Pickering HS, D A Wilson SS and Maxwell Heights SS and online. Bussing is available for all sites. Please visit <u>www.dce.ca</u> for information regarding bussing. Bussing must be chosen at the time of registration.

Pickering HS 180 Church Street North Ajax, ON L1T 2W7 **D A Wilson SS** 380 Taunton Road East Whitby, ON L1R 2K5 Maxwell Heights SS 1100 Coldstream Drive Oshawa, ON L1K 0N1

Online – DDSB Mobile Campus

First Day Procedures for Elementary Summer School (SMILE):

Classes at all summer school locations begin promptly at 8:30 am on Wednesday July 6, 2022. Students should arrive 15 minutes early for the first day at 8:15 am.

- a) Class locations will be posted in the main lobby of the school.
- b) If a student's name does not appear on any class list, he/she should take his/her registration receipt to a program teacher to enter a class.
- c) New registrations will be accepted on the first day of class at the program site.
- d) Students must bring their Chromebooks or other laptop to class each day. Devices are not available for loan at Summer School.

First Day Procedures for Elementary Summer School Online (SMILE-e):

Classes begin Wednesday July 6, 2022, for the SMILE-e Programs at 8:30 am. Students will be sent login instruction 3 days prior to the start of program. Students will access the program through the <u>DDSB Mobile Campus</u> – Google Classroom.

Course Cancellations

Durham Continuing Education reserves the right to cancel a course if there are insufficient registrations, as well as the right to determine the number of courses to be offered and the number of sections in each course. Students will be notified ONLY of course cancellations. Students will be notified if a class is cancelled by telephone and email using the information provided at the time of registration. Please ensure that we have your up-to-date information. Course cancellations will also appear on the DCE website by Wednesday June 29, 2022, 12:00 pm for the SMILE Program.

No Cafeteria Service

Short breaks will be provided for all programs. The cafeteria will be closed so it is recommended that students bring refreshments from home. There will not be time to walk to stores or fast-food outlets while on the brief break. Water bottles are recommended for hydration during class time as no other food or drink is allowed in the classroom. An area will be provided in each school for food consumption.

Progress Reports

Progress reports will be issued at the end of program for the SMILE/SMILE-e Summer School only. If the student will not be present on the final day of class, please discuss with the teacher alternate ways to obtain a final progress report. The summer school closes on July 29, 2022, and the report will not be available after that date.

Telephone Messages (at in-person locations)

Except for serious emergencies, telephone messages will not be taken on behalf of students. Please refrain from texting or calling students during instructional time.