



Nixa Public School District

Dear Parents & Guardians,

This summer, our school district will offer all students—free of charge—a fun, exciting, and academic approach to learning called **Summer Journey**. Make no mistake about it, not only will our summer program be FUN for kids, but it will also provide an opportunity for students to experience over 60 hours of learning during the summer months. This academic time will allow students to review and apply previously learned skills and knowledge and prepare for the school year ahead. **Summer Journey's** academic roots are centered in **language arts, math, social studies, science, and extended learning opportunities**.

While the academic courses will be relaxed in format with no homework and no tests for grades, **Summer Journey will** also offer courses for hands-on exploration and discovery. Depending on the grade of the student, these extended learning lessons may include a rocket class (where students learn the basic principles of flight as they construct and fly real rockets), a cooking course (where they learn basic cooking techniques), a simple machines course (designed to introduce students to elements of engineering), or a lifetime sports course (designed to develop the body and encourage a lifetime of fitness). These are only a sample of the courses that may be offered.

If you are the parent of a child who will be entering Kindergarten in fall 2024, we strongly encourage you to consider enrolling your child in **Summer Journey**. We have noticed that when these young students meet their teachers, fellow students, and our staff during the summer, they are eager to return in the fall and find the “first day of school” experience to be a positive one.

Finally, **Summer Journey** offers an enticing incentive program for students. Students will be eligible to receive rewards based on attendance, a positive attitude, respectful behavior, and effort to improve their achievement. At the end of the program, some lucky students will also win **Grand Prizes**, which will be awarded on the final day. As in past years, all our students who demonstrate outstanding attendance will be rewarded with **Attendance Recognition** gift cards, ranging from \$50 for “near perfect” attendance to \$100 for exact “minute to minute perfect attendance.”

Who should attend **Summer Journey**? Everyone. Simply put, it's good for kids. Look at the information enclosed. You'll be glad you did!

Sincerely,

Dr. Gearl Loden
Superintendent

Nixa Public School District Summer Journey Course Offerings

All Academic Courses (Language Arts, Mathematics, Science and/or Social Studies) are offered, along with Journey Courses/extended learning opportunities. Students participate in Journey courses for a block of time daily, enabling every student to participate in a variety of Journey courses selected for the grade level.

Summer Journey Locations and Times:

- Century Elementary (K-4) / 7:45 AM - 2:35 PM
- Espy Elementary (K-4) / 7:45 AM - 2:35 PM
- High Pointe Elementary (K-4) / 7:45 AM - 2:35 PM
- Mathews Elementary (K-4) / 7:45 AM - 2:35 PM
- Inman Intermediate (5-6) / 7:30 AM - 2:20 PM
- Summit Intermediate (5-6) / 7:30 AM - 2:20 PM

Kindergarten (Students Entering K)

BrickLAB STEAMventures

BrickLAB STEAMventures offers immersive hands-on activities that ignite young minds. Through exciting adventures exploring flight, transportation and food, learners build essential skills like counting, coloring and working as part of a team. This program fosters curiosity and creativity while introducing the core principles of science, technology, engineering, art and mathematics. BrickLAB STEAMventures inspires young learners on their educational journey with engaging and collaborative STEAM experiences.

Primary (Students Entering 1st, 2nd, & 3rd Grade)

Journey Courses

BrickLAB: Brain Builders	Summer Sizzler
Cubelets BOT Builder	Unleash Your Wild Side

Elementary (Students Entering 4th Grade)

Journey Courses

Art With an Aptitude	Snack Attack
BrickLAB Build a Better World	To Games & Beyond

Intermediate (Students Entering 5th-6th Grade)

Journey Courses

BrickLAB Genetics	Influencers Camp
Eggs-traordinary Physics	Structural Design

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is the Summer Journey program?

The Nixa Public School District Summer Journey is an extended learning summer program operated by Nixa Public School District and Catapult Learning to provide a world-class educational experience to district students.

What does the program cost to parents?

The programming is free to all students.

When will the program be held?

The Nixa Public School District Summer Journey operates for 19 days from June 3, 2024 through June 27, 2024*.

**Dates may change based on the number of days missed due to inclement weather. Changes will be announced.*

Will transportation be provided to and from the program?

Yes, transportation will be provided for those student families who qualify for transportation during the regular school year. However, bus routes will be limited and may vary from routes during the regular school year. Transportation information will be sent to those families who require transportation as soon as the plan becomes available.

What will my child(ren) do each day?

Summer Journey students attend engaging academic classes where they may read interesting adventure stories, play academic games, or use technology to solve real-world problems. A typical schedule would include classes of reading,

language arts, mathematics, science, social studies, and Journey extended learning opportunities.

How does the incentive program work?

Many students will win incentives for their Summer Journey Attendance. If a student earns a gift card, the Summer Journey program will mail the card in July. Your mailing address must be correct with the school district when registering your child for Summer Journey. Please do not call the school for gift card information. You can use this phone number for questions regarding the gift card **816-527-9170**. A Summer Journey representative will assist you.

- Perfect is perfect attendance, no tardies = \$100 gift card
- One minute tardy, up to one day missed = \$75 gift card
- Over one day, up to two days missed = \$50 gift card

Will breakfast and lunch be served every day?

Yes. Rates will stay the same as the regular school year and students will have similar options for breakfast and lunch.

How do I enroll my child for Summer Journey?

Students registering prior to May 17 will be guaranteed a spot at their home school. Those registering after May 17, will be placed based on class size limitations and may be transferred to a different school building, based on enrollment numbers. Visit the district's website for information and to register now. If you need additional assistance, please call your school office.

Catapult Learning



STUDENT INCENTIVES

Attendance

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\$100 Shopping Card

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Daily Incentives

Daily incentives will be awarded to students on a basis of good attitude and achievement as determined by each site.

Register for Summer Journey Here

<https://powerschool.nixaschools.net/public/home.html>

Nixa Public School District Summer Journey operates five days per week, June 3, 2024 through June 27, 2024 from 7:45 AM to 2:35 PM (K-4) and 7:30 AM - 2:20 PM (Intermediate). Changes will be announced.