



SUMMER programs 2017

empowering bright minds who think & learn differently



THE NEW COMMUNITY SCHOOL

The New Community School transforms lives with a college-preparatory curriculum for bright middle and upper school students with dyslexia and related learning differences, supporting their challenges while celebrating the strengths. TNCS admits students of any race, religious belief, national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school.

OUR MISSION

The New Community School empowers bright, talented students who are challenged by dyslexia and related learning differences. The innovative and research-based college preparatory curriculum uses a customized educational approach to build skills in language and math and to foster academic and personal strengths – igniting the passions and gifts of unique minds.

OUR VISION

The New Community School transforms lives by creating an educational environment that celebrates the strengths of dyslexia and related learning differences. The School empowers minds that think differently and inspires tomorrow's leaders and innovators.



SUMMER SCHOOL PROGRAM

The Summer School Program at The New Community School offers students from area schools an opportunity to improve basic skills and explore areas of interest. Small class sizes provide direct and individual attention. The atmosphere is a comfortable one where students are involved in interactive, multisensory, structured, yet fun activities.

Middle school courses focus on reading, writing, mathematics, technology, and organization/study skills. The short courses are remedial in nature. The range of remedial skills is intentionally narrowed for this short time period so that progress can be made and observed. Courses in the arts and technology allow students to explore and develop additional areas of talent.

Upper school courses focus on the acquisition of skills necessary to pursue college preparation in the areas of reading, vocabulary, study skills, mathematics, and writing.

Brief diagnostic testing at the beginning of courses may be administered to provide teachers information needed to plan appropriate instruction.

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COURSES FOR PROFESSIONALS & PARENTS

The New Community School also offers unique opportunities for teachers, school administrators, and parents who want to learn more about dyslexia and the ways it affects students. These classes offer an in-depth look at pertinent topics on dyslexia education, enabling adults to learn what dyslexia is, how it manifests itself in and out of the classroom, and strategies to increase the dyslexic person's chance for success in school and life. Courses may count for CEU to use toward teaching certification renewal. For more information on upcoming course offerings, please call Adam Rothschild, Director of Special Programs, at 804.266.2494, or email arothschild@tncs.org.



MIDDLE SCHOOL PROGRAM

monday - friday: JUNE 19 - JULY 14 (with July 3 and 4 as holidays)

:: courses are only open to rising 5th-8th grade students ::

AFTERNOON EXPLORATORY: This session offers students the opportunity to explore new areas of interest and develop new passions and creative outlets in a rotation of exciting short courses. Students will rotate among courses in drama, coding, and movement in an extra afternoon session from 12:15-3pm daily.

ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY: Students are exposed to the use of assistive technology to accommodate for language skill deficits or slow processing speed. Students learn to use text-to-speech and voice-to-text software and are exposed to a variety of other assistive technologies to assist with note-taking, reading, and the acquisition of other academic skills.

FRACTIONS & DECIMALS REVIEW: This review course focuses on strengthening basic math skills involving fractions, decimals, and percentages. Students will experience math through multisensory activities that enable them to understand the concepts while practicing basic computational skills. Students will use math manipulatives to reinforce whole number facts, explore fraction and decimal concepts, and learn problem-solving strategies. Class size is limited to allow for individualized instruction.

KEYBOARDING, A LIFE SKILL: The fundamentals of touch typing are taught through an innovative multisensory, language-based method. Class size is limited to eight.

LEARNING TO WRITE: This course provides a review of basic parts of speech, emphasizing multi-sensory experience in the ways words combine to create complete, grammatically correct sentences. Once students are on a firm footing with sentence construction, they will combine sentences into paragraphs, building toward a longer creative narrative. Use of technological writing tools is encouraged.

PREPARATION FOR ALGEBRA: This course focuses on strengthening the skills necessary for students entering algebra. Students will explore positive and negative integers, order of operations, variables, and linear equations, with an emphasis on the development of effective problem-solving strategies and positive work habits. Class size is limited to allow for individualized instruction.

READING ON YOUR OWN: Students are engaged in a multisensory, Orton-Gillingham approach to learning how to read and spell. Class size is limited to four so students can receive individual instruction in the most basic syllabic patterns and sound-symbol relationships.

RESEARCH SKILLS: Creating a research project or paper can be a difficult and frustrating experience for many students. Often, the difficulty stems not from a lack of ability, but rather from not knowing the best way to approach the task. In this course, students will complete a structured research project on a fun topic that they pick (with the help of the instructor). Students will learn how to find appropriate print and online resources, how to gather and organize important information, how and why to properly cite sources, and how to demonstrate their knowledge of the topic in an appropriate format. Students will practice these skills as they produce a final project.

STUDY STRATEGIES TOOLBOX: This course focuses on discovering individual learning styles and ways to study more effectively, using The New Community School's publication *Study Strategies Toolbox*. Students will receive a copy of the book to keep. Class size is limited to eight.

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UPPER SCHOOL PROGRAM

monday - friday: JUNE 19 - JULY 14 (with July 3 and 4 as holidays)

:: courses are only open to rising 9th-12th grade students ::

ADVANCED MATH PREPARATION AND REVIEW: Open to students who have completed Algebra 2, this course explores and reviews more advanced math topics such as those involved in traditional Trigonometry and Pre-Calculus courses. This customizable course may touch on topics such as trigonometry, logarithms, sequences and series, imaginary numbers, and behavior of a variety of functions. This is an ideal course in which to review content covered on the SAT and ACT. :: 12:15-1:05pm :: \$395 ::

ALGEBRA READINESS AND REVIEW: This review course focuses on strengthening the skills necessary for students entering algebra. Students will explore positive and negative integers, order of operations, variables, and linear equations, with an emphasis on the development of effective problem-solving strategies and positive work habits. Class size is limited to allow for individualized instruction. :: 12:15-1:05pm :: \$395 ::

BASKETBALL SKILL DEVELOPMENT - INDIVIDUAL: In each hour-long session, Saber Head Varsity Basketball Coach James Brown will work with your athlete on individual basketball skills, emphasizing proper form for best results. :: Sessions by appointment :: prices vary, please inquire ::

BASKETBALL SKILL DEVELOPMENT - SMALL GROUP: Gain maximum benefit from your practice time as Coach Brown works in 90-minute sessions, with small groups aligned by skill level, to hone individual and team basketball skills. The first session will act as a pre-assessment to help Coach Brown form small groups of athletes with similar skill levels. :: Monday, June 19, 12:30-2pm, then by arrangement :: prices vary, please inquire ::

HEALTH & PE: Rising Upper School students at TNCS can take this course to earn a semester credit for PE and Health & Wellness. Students will get two hours of health instruction each day covering topics related to physical and social health. Students will also participate in one hour of PE daily, with activities focused on personal fitness and life sports. In order to earn TNCS credit, students will also be required to attend seven "Saber Strong" evening workouts throughout the summer. This course is an ideal option for students who want to free up their schedule to explore or concentrate on other areas of Practical and Fine Arts during the school year. :: Mondays-Thursdays :: 2:30-5:30pm :: \$895 ::

PSAT/SAT PREP - VERBAL: In this class, students develop strategies designed to improve their metacognitive thinking, problem solving ability, and scores on the verbal section of the SAT. By practicing on authentic test materials, they learn how to actively read passages, interpret graphs and diagrams, understand what is being asked and how to respond to different types of questions to increase the probability of choosing the correct response from multiple options. As students become more strategic and efficient in their approach to the test, they not only lessen anxiety and develop confidence but increase their capacity to activate the mental energy required to sustain focus and attention when taking it. :: June 26-July 14 :: 1:10-2pm :: \$295 ::

STUDY STRATEGIES AND RESEARCH SKILLS: Students will discover their individual learning styles and ways to study more effectively, using The New Community School's publication, *Study Strategies Toolbox*. Students will also complete a structured research project on a fun topic of their choice. In doing so, students will learn how to find appropriate print and online resources, how to gather and organize important information, how and why to properly cite sources, and how to demonstrate their knowledge of the topic in an appropriate format. :: 1:10-2pm :: \$395 ::

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SUMMER LANGUAGE INSTITUTE & TUTORING

:: for middle and upper school students ::

SUMMER LANGUAGE INSTITUTE: The Summer Language Institute is an intensive three-week program designed for rising 8th-11th grade students to improve the essential academic skills for effective reading, writing, and study in high school and college. Each day includes instruction devoted to improving reading comprehension, enriching vocabulary, enhancing written expression, and developing the habits of successful independent learners. Teaching based on principles derived from brain research combined with experiential and hands-on activities help make learning engaging, enjoyable, and fun! Class size is limited to provide individual attention and customized instruction.

:: June 26-July 14 :: 9-11:45am :: \$825 ::

INDIVIDUAL TUTORING: Tutoring during the summer is a great opportunity for students to improve and advance their learning and academic skills on a schedule that is flexible and convenient. TNCS tutors use a diagnostic-prescriptive approach to instruction and employ multisensory teaching methods customized for each student to develop programs for remediation or enrichment in basic language and reading skills, reading comprehension and study skills, and written expression. Tutoring in basic math, algebra, geometry, and specific content areas is also available, as is individual instruction in test-taking strategies for standardized tests such as the SAT and graduate admissions tests. Please contact tutoring coordinator, Robin Forsyth, to inquire about or set up specific tutoring arrangements. 804.266.2494 x2225, rforsyth@tncs.org.

:: days and times by appointment :: \$65/hour ::



SUMMER PROGRAM :: ENROLLMENT FORM

JUNE - JULY

:: sign up by April 15 and take 5% off ::

MIDDLE & UPPER SCHOOL

:: STUDENT'S NAME _____ AGE _____

:: ADDRESS _____

:: PARENT/GUARDIAN'S NAME _____

:: PHONE _____ :: EMAIL _____

:: CURRENTLY ATTENDS SCHOOL AT _____ :: CURRENT GRADE _____

:: CONTACT AT SCHOOL *guidance counselor; current math, reading, or resource teacher* _____

OR

PSYCHOLOGIST/ EDUCATIONAL CONSULTANT *who administered recent testing* _____

:: CONTACT'S PHONE _____ :: EMAIL _____

:: AUTHORIZATION *The New Community School may communicate with the contact person named in this application to obtain further description of my child's educational needs. The New Community School may also administer brief diagnostic testing to plan the most appropriate instruction for my child.*

:: PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE _____

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COURSE SELECTION

:: Please make your registration choices by choosing from the options below :: Sign up by April 15 and take 5% off ::
 :: All courses meet from June 19 - July 14 (with July 3 & 4 as holidays) unless otherwise noted ::

MIDDLE SCHOOL EXPERIENCE

2-Period Package

10-11:45am :: \$770

Please check your two choices:

- Fractions & Decimals Review
- Learning to Write
- Preparation for Algebra
- Reading on Your Own
- Study Strategies Toolbox

3-Period Package

8:55-11:45am :: \$1,070

Please check your three choices:

- Fractions & Decimals Review
- Learning to Write
- Preparation for Algebra
- Reading on Your Own
- Study Strategies Toolbox
- Assistive Technology
- Keyboarding: A Life Skill
- Research Skills

All-Morning Package

8-11:45am :: \$1,295

Please check your four choices:

- Fractions & Decimals Review
- Learning to Write
- Preparation for Algebra
- Reading on Your Own
- Study Strategies Toolbox
- Assistive Technology
- Keyboarding: A Life Skill
- Research Skills

The above courses "à la carte" :: \$395 per course :: please call for availability 804.266.2494

:: Additional Middle School Options ::

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| <input type="radio"/> Afternoon Exploratory | June 19-July 14 :: 12:15-3pm | \$790 |
| <input type="radio"/> Summer Language Institute :: Rising 8th-11th | June 26-July 14 :: 9-11:45am | \$825 |

UPPER SCHOOL EXPERIENCE

:: Please check your choice(s) ::

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| <input type="radio"/> Advanced Math Preparation and Review | June 19-July 14 :: 12:15-1:05pm | \$395 |
| <input type="radio"/> Algebra Readiness & Review | June 19-July 14 :: 12:15-1:05pm | \$395 |
| <input type="radio"/> Basketball Skill Development - Individual | by appointment | prices vary, please inquire |
| <input type="radio"/> Basketball Skill Development - Small Group | Mon, June 19 :: 12:30-2pm, then by arrangement | prices vary, please inquire |
| <input type="radio"/> Health and PE | June 19-July 14 (M-Th) :: 2:30-5:30pm | \$895 |
| <input type="radio"/> PSAT/SAT Prep - Verbal | June 26-July 14 :: 1:10-2:00pm | \$295 |
| <input type="radio"/> Study Strategies and Research Skills | June 19-July 14 :: 1:10-2pm | \$395 |
| <input type="radio"/> Summer Language Institute :: Rising 8th-11th | June 26-July 14 :: 9-11:45am | \$825 |

PAYMENT

A \$50 non-refundable* deposit is due with enrollment form. The balance of tuition will be due by June 16.

Payments may be made: **ONLINE** :: tncs.org/parents/make-a-payment

MAIL TO :: Beth Savarese, TNCS Summer Program, 4211 Hermitage Road, Richmond, VA 23227
 checks payable to *The New Community School*

**Deposit will be refunded if there is insufficient enrollment, our program is deemed inappropriate for your student, or requested course is full. Courses may be cancelled up to one week before the start date of the course. In such cases, all deposits and pre-paid tuition would be reimbursed.*