

Dear Parents and Students,

We are so excited to have you consider Summer School 2026! This is a very popular program at BJA, and we're glad to have you along for the ride. I'd like to preemptively answer some of your questions and open the door for other questions if you have them.

1. What are the calendar dates?

- First Semester: May 18-June 5 (May 25 off for Memorial Day)
- Second Semester: June 8-26

2. Can I come for just one semester (3 weeks)?

- It's recommended to come for all six weeks (both semesters), but if we have seats available, we can accommodate some 3-week enrollments. For English 9 and Biology, students must take all 6 weeks.

3. Can I skip a day for a vacation?

- Since we cover a week's worth of teaching every day, we HIGHLY advise you not to miss any days of summer school. In fact, if you should miss more than 1 day for any reason, you will likely need to be withdrawn from summer school.

4. What's the schedule like each day?

- First Semester: 7:40-12:30 each day
 - We meet longer during first semester to account for Memorial Day off.
- Second Semester: 7:45-12:15 each day

5. That's a long time to be in class! Are there breaks?

- Yes! Every hour, classes break for 5-10 minutes, and there's even a "super break" around 10 AM each Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday morning for 15 minutes or so.
- There's also a chapel time each Wednesday morning from 9:45-10:15!
- On Fridays, we have parties!
 - Weeks 1+4: Class parties! (You bring the food!)
 - Weeks 2+5: School-wide parties! (We bring the food!)
 - Weeks 3+6: Final exam parties! (Just kidding—you take a final exam from 8:00-9:00 AM and then you're free to go for the day!)

6. What if I get to school before class begins or I have to stay after class is over?

- The Markham Center is open from 7:15-1:00 each day.

7. What classes are being offered?

- 9th grade: Global Studies (non-honors) and English 9
- 10th grade: US History and Biology (non-honors)
- 11th grade: English 11
- 12th grade: English 12

8. Can I take these classes for honors credit?

- No. Only college-prep classes are offered in the summer.

9. Can rising 9th graders attend, too?

- Absolutely! Global Studies and English 9 would be perfect for our rising 9th graders.

10. What school supplies do I need?

- You'll definitely want some paper and a pen or pencil. You'll be given a textbook, and your teacher will let you know if you need anything else. There's also a laptop.

11. What!? A laptop?

- On your first day of summer school, you will be loaned a student laptop with filtered and monitored Internet access. This will mostly be used for homework assignments, but some teachers may allow you to use it in the classroom for various purposes. You are responsible [for the care of the laptop](#), so please be very careful with it! Each teacher will give specific instructions about how and when to use the laptop in his or her class. Misuse of the laptop can lead to demerits and the laptop's confiscation.

12. What do we wear to summer school?

- Students can wear their [BJA school uniforms](#) to summer school. As usual, Fridays are spirit days, and students can wear their uniform bottoms with a spirit shirt top! We also allow our rising 9th grade boys to wear their uniform shorts for the last time during summer school.

13. Where's the drop-off and pick-up for summer school?

- We pick up and drop off in the same place—the sidewalk in front of the Main building. To avoid stopping traffic, we do ask that you pick up and drop off on the sidewalk side of the road.

14. Are the same policies in place as during the school year?

- They are! [Here's a link to the BJA Handbook](#) if you'd like to review the policies.
- Because we're so busy, hardly anyone ever gets demerits, but if you do, they're applied to next year's total, not this one.

15. Can I work out after summer school is over?

- You can! As a high school student, you have access to the Fremont Fitness Center (guys) or the Davis Fieldhouse (girls). You will need a student ID card to get in.

16. How do I get an ID card?

- Great question! See Mrs. Jorgensen as soon as you arrive for summer school. She will take your picture and send it in for an ID card to be made. She will bring it to your classroom after it arrives back at BJA. Hopefully, that will just be a couple of days.

17. Can I bring a water bottle?

- Absolutely! Water only, please.

18. Is the Markham Center open? I'm already hungry!

- The Markham Center is open from 7:15-1:00 but only for snacks from the vending machines. You'll want to make sure you have other plans for lunch each day and a plan to get home after class. The University Den is closed during the summer.