

Middle School Summer School and Attendance Recovery Program Update – Summer 2026

Overview

Downey Unified School District's 2026 Middle School Summer School and Attendance Recovery Program provided students with opportunities for academic enrichment, attendance recovery, accelerated learning, and specialized summer programming. The 19-day program served students through a combination of online enrichment courses, attendance recovery opportunities, accelerated mathematics instruction, and school-site enrichment experiences.

Program Components

The program included:

- Middle School Online Enrichment Courses
- Attendance Recovery
- Accelerated Mathematics Courses
- Extended School Year (ESY) services
- Specialized enrichment programs, including robotics and performing arts opportunities

Student Participation and Online Enrichment

Middle school students participated in a variety of online enrichment courses designed to extend learning beyond the traditional curriculum.

Program outcomes included:

- 4,917 participating students
- 4,622 submitted assignments
- 444 completed courses or earned badges

Enrichment course offerings included topics such as photography, art, geography, film production, culinary arts, environmental science, robotics, music, physical fitness, graphic design, technology, and world cultures.

Attendance Recovery

The Attendance Recovery Program provided students with opportunities to recover missed instructional days and bank attendance.

Results included:

- **Doty and Sussman Middle Schools:** 1,037 absences recovered and 1,084 days banked

- **Stauffer and Griffiths Middle Schools:** 1,126 absences recovered and 1,148 days banked

These efforts supported student engagement and attendance while helping students remain connected to learning throughout the summer.

Accelerated Mathematics

Students had access to accelerated mathematics pathways designed to support advancement and readiness for future coursework.

Enrollment included:

- **Math 6/7:** 67 students (32 in-person, 35 online)
- **Math 7/8:** 80 students (51 in-person, 29 online)

A total of **147 students** participated in accelerated mathematics courses during the summer session.

School Site Highlights

Doty Middle School

Doty Middle School and Sussman Middle School partnered to offer the "Game On! La Copa de Downey" summer program.

Program highlights included:

- 847 students enrolled
- 192 Extended School Year students
- Programs supporting AVID/ELD, International Baccalaureate (IB), Dual Immersion, and Robotics Camp students
- Academic, leadership, enrichment, and team-building activities designed to increase engagement and student participation

Stauffer Middle School

Stauffer Middle School and Griffiths Middle School collaborated to provide summer learning opportunities and specialized programming.

Program highlights included:

- 837 students enrolled
- 102 Extended School Year students
- Dedicated instructional staffing for English language arts, mathematics, accelerated mathematics, electives, and attendance recovery
- Special programs including Robotics and the Summer Intensive Musical Theatre Program

Program Impact

The 2026 Middle School Summer School and Attendance Recovery Program provided students with meaningful opportunities to strengthen academic skills, recover attendance, explore personal interests, and engage in enrichment activities. Through a combination of online learning, accelerated coursework, specialized programs, and school-based experiences, the program supported student achievement, engagement, and readiness for the upcoming school year.