

Summer Program Review

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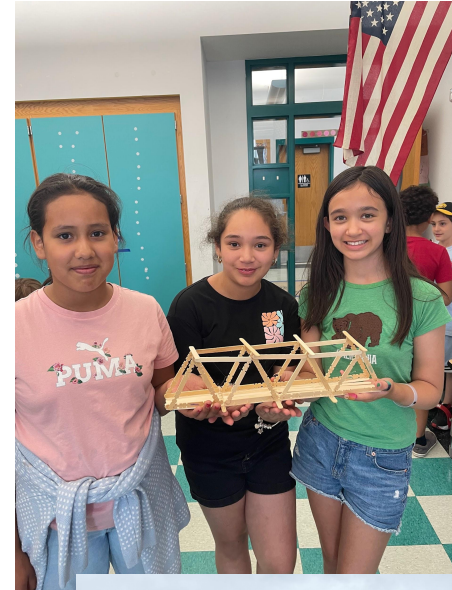


SPS Summer

Somerville is fortunate to have strong academic summer programming, flexible and adaptable recreational activities, a variety of enriching and innovative experiences, and a lively arts community that offers our students a diverse menu of options.

Tonight, we will cover five key areas:

1. **Planning & Communication:** How we organized and shared information across departments and families.
2. **Community Engagement:** Incorporating Partner and Community Programs
3. **Data & Attendance:** A look at enrollment numbers, participation rates, and key metrics.
4. **Program Highlights:** Success stories and memorable moments from this summer's offerings.
5. **Feedback & Future Ideas:** Key takeaways and areas for improvement as we plan for next year



The Planning Process

Phase & Months	Key Objectives & Deliverables	Primary Focus
Q1: Strategy & Setup <i>(Jan – Mar)</i>	Set up meetings & docs; finalize budgets, program offerings, and job posts; map classroom spaces.	Infrastructure, Budget & Space
Spring: Logistics & Prep <i>(Apr – May)</i>	Launch registration (Arbiter for the most) & outreach; review health records; send job offers; order all supplies.	Enrollment & Hiring
Early Summer: Onboarding <i>(June)</i>	Hold orientations; complete physical setup of classrooms and program spaces.	Orientation & Launch
Mid/Late Summer: Execution <i>(July – Aug)</i>	Run special events, summer updates; wrap up programs and clean up facilities.	Delivery & Wrap-up

City, Community, and Partner Organizations

These partners were embedded in SPS programs or shared school spaces to offer students even more options.

STEM



Middle School Topics



Music and Art



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Learn to play the street band way!

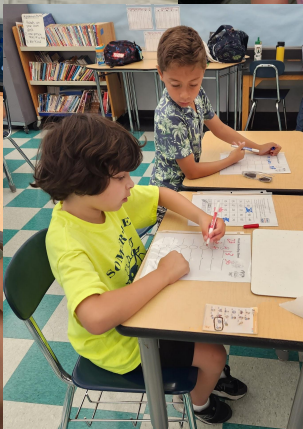
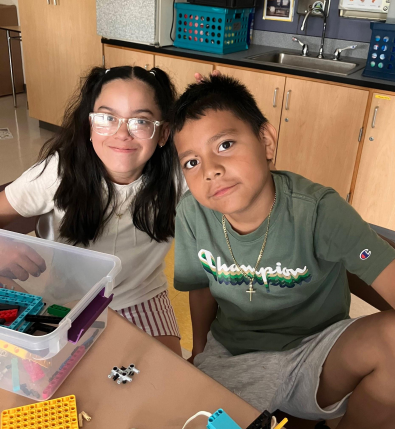


Physical Activity and Enrichment



Early Education Care





1881***Total Enrollment
(2026)**(1403 in 2025)
(1508 in 2024)**26****Programs****14****Internal****12****External**

Program Locations

Albert F. Argenziano School

- SPELL Elementary / Middle School
- Junior Police Academy
- Somerville Parks and Recreation

Arthur D. Healey School

- Adventure Summer (Gr 3 and up)
- Somersession- Summer School Elementary
- Girlstart
- BAM

Capuano Early Childhood Center

- Summer Explore Kindergarten
- ESY
- Adaptive Sports

East Somerville Community School

- Adventure Summer (Gr K-2)
- The Calculus Project
- Teens Volleyball

Edgerly

- AIM ESY

John F. Kennedy School

- ESY
- Summer Arts Theater Program
- Elizabeth Peabody House Summer Camp
- Knovva Future Lab

NWFC

- NWFC Summer Camp

Somerville High School

- SHS Summer School
- Summer Success (9th Grade Transition Program)
- Middle Grades Robotics
- Middle Grades CTE Summer Program
- HONK Music Program
- YMCA

West Somerville Neighborhood School

- Somerville Parks and Recreation Somertime Program

Program Shoutouts

SPELL

- Developed students' reading, writing, speaking, and listening skills through theme-based learning.
- Partnered with outside vendors to elevate student engagement and experience.

Summer Explore Kindergarten

- Giving opportunities to children with little-to-no preschool experience.
- Included developmentally appropriate academic learning, playtime, art, and physical movement.

Middle Grades Robotics

- Explored engineering, digital design, fabrication, coding, and robotics with the SHS Robotics Team and community volunteers.
- Pushed into multiple programs across the district, giving HS students the opportunity to teach younger students.

Highlights

- Increased Arbiter Sports for registration and student information across all internal programs and some partner programs.
- Elementary summer session expanded to serve grades 2-4
- Expansion of sharing space with community such as EPH and Parks and Recreation.

Areas of Improvement

- Continue to attract more educators and students for academic support programs
- Continue coordination efforts in regards to sharing space
- Improve family resources during registration
- Increase family survey responses

