

Kennebec Alliance High School Regional Summer School

“Proudly serving the Central Maine area since 2005”

We are pleased to announce that the Kennebec Alliance Regional Summer School is accepting applicants from schools across the state of Maine. The Summer program, which has serviced up to 230 Central Maine students each of the last five years, will operate from July 12th to August 5th, Monday through Thursday from 8:00AM to 12:00 PM. Students interested in receiving credit through the summer school should return applications by June 18th, 2010 **but will be accepted after that date**. Seats in the summer program will be reserved on a first come first serve basis.

History:

Over the past five years the Kennebec Alliance Regional Summer School, comprised of the school districts of Lawrence, Messalonskee, Skowhegan, Waterville, and Winslow, has demonstrated itself as one of the preeminent summer school settings in Maine. The summer program, which is standard's based & individualized, focuses instruction on the skills students are lacking rather than the more traditional credit recovery approach. Instruction and program duration is driven by each student's PLP (Personal Learning Plans). This approach allows teachers to focus instruction on student needs thereby providing students with the most comprehensive & appropriate summer instruction possible. Students who successfully complete the program receive credit according to the specifics of their PLP. Credit is usually granted for a class the student previously failed or class in which standards were lacking.

Location:

The regional summer program is offered just off interstate 95 at the Messalonskee Middle School in Oakland Maine. The building is a modern climate controlled structure that provides an ideal setting for learning over the warm Maine summer months.

A check for \$125.00 can be made to the Kennebec Regional Summer School and should accompany both the Registrations and PLP forms. Information should be sent to:

**Kennebec Regional Summer School
C/O Mr. Jonathan Moody, Principal
33 School Bus Drive
Messalonskee Middle School
Oakland, Maine 04963**

Note: Those wishing to enroll in two courses should indicate such and specify this on their registration form. Those wishing to participate in multiple courses should provide additional payment of \$75.00 for each course beyond the original \$125.00 amount.

Frequently Asked Questions

What does “Standard’s Based” mean?

Because the summer school services students from multiple districts in Central Maine, it focuses not on “courses” and instead on standards under the Maine Learning Results. Students who take courses in the summer program are required to have a Personal Learning Plan (PLP) that outlines the standards they need to meet in order to receive credit in a course at their sending school. Students complete their summer programming when they demonstrate proficiency in all standards under their PLP.

What does first come first serve mean?

Because the summer school was formerly a “closed” program and open only to members of the Kennebec Alliance, students from other area schools did not attend. Now that the program is open, enrollment in classes will be capped to ensure the highest quality instruction and adherence to the standards-based model continues moving forward. Enrollment will be capped based on a first-come first serve basis by class & subject area. We encourage anyone interested in summer programming to get their application in as soon as possible. Although the deadline is June 18th, applications will be accepted after that time provided contact has been made with the director and space is available.

How long do I have to attend summer school?

The duration of a students programming is based on their PLP (Personal Learning Plan). Because the summer program focuses on the standards a student failed to meet during their regular instruction (or needs to meet to attain credit in a class) the duration of programming is flexible. Once a student has completed their program and demonstrated sufficient mastery of the standards under their PLP, they receive credit for the course they are enrolled in.

Can a student receive multiple credits during the summer?

Yes. A student must attend minimum of one week of instruction during the summer (16 hours) to receive credit for a course. Although it is rare, a student could receive up to three credits during summer instruction based on the PLP & his or her school’s handling of outside credits. Generally speaking, students complete one to two courses over the summer. Students who chose to enroll in a second course will be charged a reduced rate of \$75.00 for the second course. Any student having enrolled in two courses but who was unable to attempt the second course (because of the length of time necessary to complete their first course) will receive a full refund of the cost of the second course.

Will I get my money back if I fail?

No. Students who do not meet the standards during their summer instruction will not receive a refund of any kind. As described earlier, when students take more time than anticipated to complete their first course and they had registered for two courses, a refund of \$75.00 will be issued. Students who received instruction in a second course and failed to meet the standards in that course will not receive a refund.