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## **2011 Summer School Handbook**

J.P. McConnell Middle School

Welcome to McConnell Middle School's Summer School Program! In order to provide a positive and effective experience for all students participating, parents and students need to review the following requirements and procedures for the 2011 Summer School Program.

### **School Hours**

The four-week, 15-day, Summer School will run from June 20- July 14, 2010. There are no classes held on Fridays. Furthermore, there will be no Summer School July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2010. School hours are **7:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.** Two classes will be offered each day. The first will be 7:30 -10:45. The second class will be 11:15 -2:30. Lunch, for students who attend both classes only, will be from 10:45-11:15.

**\*\*Students may not bring backpacks to school.\*\***

### **Retest Dates**

July 6 <sup>th</sup> :	8 <sup>th</sup> Writing
July 6 <sup>th</sup> :	7 <sup>th</sup> Content Area Retest (CAR): Science
July 7 <sup>th</sup> :	8 <sup>th</sup> CRCT Reading
July 7 <sup>th</sup> :	8 <sup>th</sup> CRCT-M Reading
July 7 <sup>th</sup> :	7 <sup>th</sup> Content Area Retest (CAR): Social Studies
July 11 <sup>th</sup> :	8 <sup>th</sup> CRCT Math
July 11 <sup>th</sup> :	8 <sup>th</sup> CRCT-M Math
July 11 <sup>th</sup> :	7 <sup>th</sup> Content Area Retest (CAR): Reading
July 12 <sup>th</sup> :	7 <sup>th</sup> Content Area Retest (CAR): Language Arts
July 13 <sup>th</sup> :	7 <sup>th</sup> Content Area Retest (CAR): Math

### **Arrival/Dismissal Procedures**

There will be no supervision outside the Summer School hours of 7:20 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Transportation will not be provided by Gwinnett County Schools; therefore, parents are asked to plan to have their child report to school no earlier than 7:20 a.m. each day and picked up no later than 2:30 p.m. Students are to be dropped off and picked up in the car rider lane at the side of the school. Only people listed on the Transportation Plan and/or on the school database will be allowed to pick up students.

### **Student Dress Code**

Parents – please review the McConnell dress code with your child. Some reminders from the 2010-2011 school year:

#### Boys

- Pants/shorts should fit properly. This means that the waist of the pants should fit the hips of the student and the crotch should not sag to the knees.

#### Girls

- Shorts must be the walking short style. Short-shorts and cheerleading shorts are not allowed.
- Shirts must have sleeves and must be long enough to cover the torso at all times and have enough fabric to cover the cleavage at all times.

**Backpacks are neither required nor allowed at summer school.** Girls may bring a purse.

*Please refer to the student handbook for further descriptors to the dress code.*

### **Attendance**

Since Summer School is condensed, it is imperative that students attend all sessions and report to school promptly at 7:30 a.m. or 11:15 a.m. each day. **NO make-up work will be given.**

**Checking Out**

Only individuals listed on the Transportation Plan are allowed to check a student out early from school. The individual must check the student out from the school's Main Office.

**Medication**

All medication must be delivered to the front office by a parent or guardian. A medical form must be completed and signed before medication can be dispensed. Students are not allowed to bring medication to school; this includes over-the-counter and prescription medications. Please review GCPS handbook for further information.

**Academic Requirements**

Students have been scheduled to attend classes based on their academic area of need. Students must meet the requirements of the class which include earning at least a 70% on a combination of assessments including the posttest. Evaluations will be specific measurements of the skills taught. It will be the responsibility of each student to complete class work that will assist in learning the skill(s). More specific information will be shared with parents and students in a course syllabus sent home the first day of class. Upon successful completion of summer school, the failing grade for the semester will be raised to a 70%.

**Conferences**

Parents may request a conference with individual teachers by calling the school and requesting a return call.

**Grade Reports**

Parents will receive 2 progress reports indicating their child's grade in each class. After the fourth week, parents will receive a final evaluation that will indicate the child's overall progress during Summer School. If a child's promotion to the next grade is based on successful completion of Summer School, the parent will be notified by mail of their child's placement for the 2011-2012 school year.

**Expectations and Procedures**

On the first day of Summer School, students and teachers will review expectations and procedures for each class. After this review, a warning will be given for failure to adhere to classroom discipline policies. Parents will be notified if misbehavior continues and the student will be referred to the administrator. Upon an administrative referral, consequences will be determined by the Summer School Administrator. It will be at the discretion of the administrator to dismiss any student who violates the rules. Summer School is an additional opportunity provided to students for remediation purposes and should be taken seriously. Therefore, classroom disruptions will not be tolerated. Since there are only 15 days of summer school, and specific AKS objectives must be covered, it is imperative that every student displays a cooperative attitude and behaves in an appropriate manner.

**We look forward to a productive and successful summer school session!**

**I have read and understand the expectations of summer school.**

Student's Name (print): \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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