



Brookline Public Schools Summer School 2025

Dear Summer School Students and Families,

We're pleased to welcome you to the 2025 BHS Summer School. This year's program offers a range of opportunities for students to engage in meaningful learning—whether through enrichment, credit recovery, or original credit courses. With updated scheduling options, new courses, and a mix of in-person and off-site learning experiences, we hope students will find a course that fits their needs and interests.

Summer School will run from **June 30 to July 30** in the 22 Tappan Building, alongside our partner programs: Steps to Success, The Calculus Project, and Extended School Year. Students from grades 7–12 will be in the building, and our courses are open to any rising 9th–12th grade student in the Boston area.

Course formats vary: some run for one week, others span the full five weeks. Some courses meet in person, others include online components, and a few may involve off-site field trips. Please review the catalog carefully for details on course dates and times.

Students enrolling in courses for recovery credit (to make up a class not passed during the school year) should note that most classes meet Monday through Thursday, with Summer School Tutorial available on Fridays. To earn recovery credit, students must complete 35 hours of instruction. Missed time must be made up during Friday Tutorial with the support of our staff. Students who are on track with both attendance and coursework will not need to attend on Fridays. As always, our courses are open to the public, including non-Brookline residents.

We look forward to working with you this summer and are happy to answer any questions you may have.

Best,

Jen Martin & Brendan Kobus

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BHS Summer School Directors

Important Logistical Information

LOCATION and DATES

Summer School will take place at Brookline High School's **22 Tappan Campus** in Brookline, MA. This building is conveniently located at the Brookline Hills, Green Line T stop.

Summer School will run from June 30th-July 30th with NO SCHOOL July 4.

Hours 9 am-2 pm

REGISTRATION and PAYMENT

Online registration will run between May 8- June 29. Please email all questions to Jen_Martin@psbma.org or brendan_kobus@psbma.org

ONLINE REGISTRATION FORM

Course Cancellation Policy

Courses with fewer than six registered students may be canceled. Parents will be notified of a cancellation on the evening of June 29th. Refunds will be issued if a class does not run. Parents are encouraged to explore alternative courses in the event of a course cancellation.

Curriculum

All Summer School courses are based on the Brookline Public Schools Learning Expectations and reflect, where appropriate, Massachusetts State Standards. Students seeking recovery credit for a failed course during the school must complete 35-course hours in the content area.

Financial Assistance

Students who attend the Public Schools of Brookline and who may qualify for financial assistance must inform the summer school director during the registration process. Financial assistance inquiries should be sent to the Director, jen_martin@psbma.org. Dr. Martin will work with families to submit their financial assistance applications to the Office of Admin and Finance. Unfortunately, no financial assistance can be provided for students who do not attend the Public Schools of Brookline.

Credit

Credit will be granted for the successful completion of summer school courses under the following conditions:

- If the course is a recovery credit for a class failed during the regular school year. In this case, you do not need to fill out additional forms. Upon completion of the Summer School course you will receive the credit assigned to the original course. For example; if you fail US History (a year-long course) during the school year, upon passing the summer school history recovery course you will receive 1 full credit.

Prior approval for attendance at Summer School IS required if:

- The student wishes to make up a course for which he/she received a final grade of “N” (Dean)
- The student is under suspension at the end of the school year (Dean)

No prior approval for attendance at Summer School is required if:

- The student wishes to take a course for recovery purposes (repeating a failed course) and he/she is deemed to be in good standing at BHS by the BHS Headmaster or his/her designee.

Credit is awarded for grades earned of 60% or higher and/or a competency determination by summer school and full-year staff. (No credit = 59% and below)

Credit will be awarded for rising 9-12th grade students for Elective Courses as noted in the Catalog.

Credit will only be awarded upon complete payment of tuition.

Report Cards

For students taking courses for recovery credit, a mid-term report at 2 1/2 weeks and the final report at the close of Summer School will be provided to families.

Expectations

Attendance

The intensive demands of a five-week session make it imperative that students be in class every day. Any student who is taking a course for credit and who has attended fewer than 35-course hours may be informed that they will not be able to receive credit and will not receive a refund of his/her tuition. Any tardies or absences will be made up on Fridays during Summer School Tutorial.

Friday Summer School Tutorial

Some of our core courses will begin using a new summer school schedule that is designed to provide direct instruction between M-Th. Students in good standing both in terms of attendance and work completion do not need to attend class on Fridays in July. Fridays in July are reserved for students who need extra help on their work and/or need to make up missed class time from the week in our Friday Summer School Tutorial. If a student is expected to come to Tutorial on a Friday, both the student and guardians will receive an email letting them know they are expected to attend Tutorial.

Code of Conduct

In order to create and maintain a positive and safe learning environment that supports student learning, there are behavioral as well as academic expectations for all summer school students. The disciplinary offenses described in the [Brookline High School Student Handbook](#) pertain to the summer session as well. Students who are unfamiliar with the BHS handbook should familiarize themselves with the rules using the hyperlink provided. Most courses will provide daily homework and a final examination.

Fundamental Rules include, but are not limited to:

NO cheating	NO fighting
NO stealing	NO verbal harassment
NO drugs and/or alcohol on school grounds	NO sexual harassment
NO bomb scares or triggering false fire alarms	NO weapons

NO smoking in the school building or on school grounds
NO vandalism, graffiti, or destruction of school or individual property

Class Behavior

Appropriate class behavior means NO disrespectful behavior in class towards students, teachers, and school. Disrespectful behavior may lead to removal from Summer School without credit or refund.

Technology

Technology is used at the strict discretion of the classroom teacher and staff. Failure to follow teacher's guidelines can lead to removal from Summer School without credit or refund.

Guests

For the safety of our students, no guests are allowed to visit 22 Tappan while school is in session. Students who are not enrolled in Summer School, will not be allowed to use the facilities during summer school.

2025 COURSE OFFERINGS

ELECTIVES AND WELLNESS EDUCATION

PHOTOGRAPHY FOUNDATIONS

½ original credit/recovery credit/enrichment

Photography students learn the essentials of making great pictures including composition, design, point of view, and personal voice. Students are challenged to consider all the elements of the frame; to include only what is necessary to turn a snapshot into a photograph. In this online version of the class, students may use either their own digital cameras or use the free Lightroom Mobile app to elevate their phone images to the professional level. Lightroom will also be used to learn ways to improve and manipulate images in both black & white and color.

This class is available to:

- *All grades (Rising 9-12 graders CAN receive BHS original credit for this course)*

Other Notes:

- *Students will need a phone with a camera and to be able to download the Lightroom App. All other materials will be provided as needed.*

Class Meeting Time/Location:

- *Unified Arts Building*
- *B Block 11:30am-1:30pm*
- *M-TH in person +F virtual, students will determine appointment times with teacher*

Course Fee - \$450 Brookline Resident

\$500 Non Resident

DIGITAL DRAWING AND PAINTING

½ original credit/recovery credit/enrichment

In this course, students will explore the creative possibilities of digital drawing and painting using powerful, user-friendly art software. Working on tablets, computers, or smartphones, students will learn techniques that mirror traditional media while also taking advantage of the unique capabilities of digital tools. Projects will be inspired by observation, memory, and imagination, encouraging students to refine their technical skills and develop a distinctive artistic voice. No previous experience with digital software is required. Students are welcome to use their own devices or borrow equipment from the school.

This class is available to:

- *All grades (Rising 9-12 graders CAN receive BHS original credit for this course)*

Other Notes:

- *Students may have their own devices like tablets or laptops but desktop computers are available. All other materials will be provided as needed.*

Class Meeting Time/Location:

- *Unified Arts Building*
- *A Block 9:00am-11:00am*
- *M-TH in person +F virtual, students will determine appointment times with teacher*

Course Fee - \$450 Brookline Resident

\$500 Non Resident

LIFE-TIME ACTIVITIES

1/4 original credit/recovery credit/enrichment

This course is designed to give students the basic skills necessary to participate in and enjoy various Lifetime Activities. A focus on individualized health plans and ways that physical activity can support mental health will be areas of focus. Students will document their experiences in individual health journals.

This class is available to:

- *All grades (Rising 10-12 graders CAN receive BHS credit for this course)*
- *Rising 9th graders can NOT take this course to replace their 9th grade health and wellness course. They can take this course for enrichment.*

Other Notes:

- *Students will be spending much of their time outdoors engaging in a variety of physical activities. They should come prepared dressed for the weather and with water to stay hydrated.*

Class Meeting Time/Location:

- *22 Tappan*
- *A Block 9-11am OR B Block 11:30am-1:30pm*
- *M-Th + Friday Summer School Tutorial*

Course Fee - \$415 Brookline Resident

\$465 Non Resident

ENGLISH COURSES

HUMANS OF...PERSONAL NARRATIVE

1 recovery credit

This course is designed for students who are interested in reading and writing about real people: themselves, their friends and family, and total strangers. Using the Humans of New York books and blog, students will analyze and examine the stories of a wide variety of real, human “characters” with a focus on language, imagery, and telling authentic stories. In this class, students will complete analytical essays as well as craft their own non-fiction narratives about themselves and others, complete with thoughtful accompanying photographs. Students are encouraged to pick a memoir or autobiography of their choice for a summer reading book. Due to high enrollment, this course is not open to students who are seeking an enrichment opportunity.

This class is available to:

- *Students Grade 9, 10, 11, 12 who need to recover an ELA credit*
- *This course **can not** be taken for enrichment.*

Class Meeting Time/Location:

- *22 Tappan*
- *A Block 9-11am **OR** B Block 11:30am-1:30pm*
- *M-TH + Friday Summer School Tutorial*

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MATHEMATICS COURSES

Our Math classes for 2025 have reached their maximum enrollment and are closed for registration

ALGEBRA I (Make-up)

~~1 recovery credit~~

This course is designed to provide students with the most essential algebra skills to prepare for work in algebra II. This course begins with problem solving activities that promote thinking around algebraic expressions/equations and elementary equations solving skills. The major content units focus on exponent rules/equations and quadratics (including binomial expansion, factoring, graphing, and basic solving). These topics are explored in greater depth and complexity in algebra II. Course assignments include: daily in class tasks/participation, 6 graded (re-takable) exit tickets, and a comprehensive final exam.

This class is available to:

- ~~All students who need to recover Algebra I credit and Geometry credit~~

Notes:

- ~~This class will meet concurrently with algebra II. Students in both courses will work on similar topics/skills, however assignments will vary between courses allowing algebra I students to focus on the most foundational skills/concepts.~~
- ~~No class July 17~~

Class Meeting Time/Location:

- ~~Room TBD~~
- ~~Monday-Thursday 12pm-2pm; Virtual Fridays coordinated with teacher~~

Course Fee -- \$415 Brookline Resident	\$465 Non Resident
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ALGEBRA II (Make-up)

~~1 recovery credit~~

This course is designed to provide students with the most essential algebra skills to prepare to work in advanced math courses. This course begins with problem solving activities that promote thinking around algebraic expressions/equations and elementary equations solving skills. The major content units focus on exponent rules/equations (including negative exponents and multivariate expressions) and quadratics (including binomial expansion, factoring with $a > 1$, graphing, and multiple solving strategies). These topics are foundational for work in trigonometry and analysis. Course assignments include: daily in class tasks/participation, 6 graded (retakable) exit tickets, and a comprehensive final exam.

This class is available to:

- ~~All students who need to recover an Algebra II credit~~

Notes:

- ~~This class will meet concurrently with algebra I. Students in both courses will work on similar topics/skills, however assignments will vary between courses allowing algebra II students additional practice with advanced skills and more complex problem types.~~
- ~~No Class July 17~~

Class Meeting Time/Location:

- ~~Room TBD~~
- ~~Monday-Thursday 12pm-2pm; Virtual Fridays coordinated with teacher~~

~~Course Fee -- \$415 Brookline Resident ————— \$465 Non-Resident~~

Pre-Calculus (Make-up) ~~————— 1 recovery credit~~

~~This course is designed to provide students with advanced algebra and trigonometry skills and concepts needed for success in an introductory calculus course. The major content units focus on advanced exponent rules/equations, logarithm properties and equations, trigonometric functions (evaluating, solving, graphing, and modelling). Rational functions may be explored as time permits. These topics are foundational for work in calculus and advanced math course work. Course assignments include: daily in-class tasks/participation, graded (retakable) exit tickets, and a comprehensive final exam.~~

This class is available to:

- ~~All students who need to recover a Precalculus or Trigonometry/Analysis Credit~~

Notes:

- ~~This class will meet concurrently with algebra I and II. Students in this more advanced course will be expected to do some exploration/practice independently or in small groups, with plenty of opportunities to work with the instructor.~~
- ~~No Class July 17~~

Class Meeting Time/Location:

- ~~Room TBD~~
- ~~Monday-Thursday 12pm-2pm; Fridays coordinated with teacher~~

~~Course Fee -- \$415 Brookline Resident ————— \$465 Non-Resident~~

SCIENCE COURSES

LIVING ON EARTH: THE ECOSYSTEMS AROUND US 1 recovery credit/enrichment

In this course we will focus on exploring the foundational concepts of environmental science. Students will learn about the many ecosystems that make up the planet Earth. We will explore how the planet provides ecosystem services as well as learn the many natural hazards that may affect us. Other topics may include exploring the connection between social justice and the environment, called environmental justice. This course may include off-campus trips in the Boston area, such as the Museum of Science. The capstone project for the course allows students to pick their own favorite ecosystem and design a presentation based on their research. This course is focused on building and reinforcing science skills which will serve students in any future science class

This class is available to:

- *Students Grade 9, 10, 11, 12 who need to recover any science credit (Physics, Biology, Chemistry)*
- *All grades including rising 9-12 graders who would like to take the course for enrichment.*

Class Meeting Time/Location:

- *22 Tappan*
- *A Block 9-11am OR B Block 11:30am-1:30pm*
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SOCIAL STUDIES COURSES

Historical Research and Writing Skills

1 recovery credit/enrichment

This course focuses on helping students to build the core academic skills essential to all social studies disciplines. Rather than revisiting specific historical content, students will learn and apply the stages of historical research, analysis, and academic writing. Through guided inquiry, students will choose a topic connected to the historical subject they previously studied and develop a research question, analyze primary and secondary sources, organize evidence, create a thesis statement, and write a structured research paper. Students are encouraged to explore a topic that personally interests them, allowing for deeper engagement and more meaningful learning. Emphasis is placed on critical thinking, source evaluation, note-taking, outlining, drafting, and revision. Students will also present and reflect on their findings.

This class is available to:

- *Students Grade 9, 10, 11, 12 who need to recover any history credit*
- *All grades including rising 9-12 graders who would like to take the course for enrichment.*

Class Meeting Time/Location:

- *22 Tappan*
- *A Block 9-11am OR B Block 11:30am-1:30pm*
- *M-TH + Friday Summer School Tutorial*

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PREPARATION COURSES

AP HISTORY/SOCIAL STUDIES PREPARATION

enrichment

~~This course is designed for current sophomores or juniors entering a Social Studies AP elective for the first time in the fall. Students will hone their AP skills learning to effectively note take on large amounts of textbook reading with a focus on organization and speed, practice test-taking skills, and close analysis of primary source readings. The purpose of this course is to primarily work on the summer assignment (if applicable) with the help of an experienced BHS teacher and to practice the digestion of text passages for each of the 11th or 12th grade classes. Students will turn in work weekly and receive detailed feedback to improve in areas of weakness. This 4 week course is taught online and will have 1 meeting per week for three weeks via zoom to supplement the asynchronous course materials. The last week of the class will be asynchronous with the instructor returning an individual final overview of the student's submitted notes/work. The course will be set up using our learning management system, Canvas.~~

This class is available to:

- ~~● Rising 11th graders schedule to take AP US History at Brookline High School~~
- ~~● Rising 12th graders scheduled to take AP African American History, AP Government, or AP Human Geography~~

Class Meeting Time/Location:

- ~~● Online Synchronous and Asynchronous~~
- ~~● Week 1: Synchronous welcome/introductory meeting 7/2 6:30pm-7:30pm~~
- ~~● Week 2: Synchronous meeting 7/23 6:30pm-7:30pm~~
- ~~● Week 3: Synchronous meeting 7/30 6:30pm-7:30pm~~

Course cancelled due to low enrollment

Course Fee - \$375

WRITING THE COLLEGE ESSAY

Enrichment

In this course, rising seniors will be guided through the process of brainstorming and drafting their college essay. Together, students will break down both Common Application and school specific college admissions essay prompts, read and analyze successful sample essays, draft, and polish their own college essays. The purpose of this course is to provide students with the time and support needed to complete a working draft of their college essay by the end of the summer. Students will receive extensive feedback on their work, but should expect to complete some drafting outside of course hours.

This class is available to:

- Students expecting to apply to college in the 2025-2026 school year

Class Meeting Time/Location:

- ***This course will be offered in two sessions with different formats. Students should choose 1 of the sessions when registering.***
- **Session 1:** Students will meet for two, one hour, **in-person classes** (at 22 Tappan), followed by three subsequent one-on-one meetings with the instructor to be scheduled either virtually or in person. (JUNE 30TH- JULY 1ST)
 - June 30th, July 1st- 10:00-11:00 AM
- **Session 2:** Students will meet for one, 1-hour **virtual class**, followed by three subsequent one-on-one meetings with the instructor to be scheduled virtually or in person. (JULY 21st)
 - Zoom class: July 21st - 5pm-6pm

Please Note: Individual sessions must be scheduled to occur between July and August.

Course Fee - \$415 Brookline Resident	\$465 Non Resident
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REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT FOR BROOKLINE SUMMER SCHOOL

All students must be registered through our online registration which can be found linked below.

ONLINE REGISTRATION FORM

Unfortunately, Brookline Public Schools does not subscribe to an online payment system. We must collect payment the old fashioned way and apologize for this inconvenience. Payment for summer school classes can be made via check or cash. Students or parents may deliver these payments to the Summer School Director in person or mail checks to BHS c/o Jen Martin and Brendan Kobus Summer School.

→ Checks should be made out to: *Public Schools of Brookline* (include **Summer School** and **name of student** in the memo line)

1. Mail a check to:

**Jen Martin/Brendan Kobus
Directors of Summer School
Brookline High School
115 Greenough St., Brookline, MA 02445**

2. Deliver a check or cash payment to the main office of Brookline High School in an envelope labeled: ***Jen Martin/Brendan Kobus BHS Summer School***
3. Send student with payment on June 30th for the first day of Summer School and deliver to the Summer School Office at 22 Tappan Street.