

VISALIA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT EXTENDED YEAR (Summer School) HANDBOOK 2019 GRADES 9 - 12

This handbook is designed to assist the entering 9-12 grade Visalia Unified School District student and parent in registering a student for Extended Year (Summer School). It should answer any questions you may have. If uncertainties still remain after reviewing this information, students and parents are welcome to give the counselor a call at your student's school of attendance. Information herein is reliable at the time of printing, but due to financial and other constraints, is subject to change.

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Si necesita ayuda con información en esta libreta por favor póngase en contacto con la secretaria de la escuela de su hijo/a (GWHS: 730-7814), (RHS: 730-7723) (EDHS: 735-3508) (MWHS: 730-7618).

Extended Year Philosophy and State Guidelines:

The State of California specifically regulates the types of offerings for the Extended Year program.

- Extended year school hours can be used for other local priorities, including pupils at risk of being retained, those with low test scores, graduating seniors, those who otherwise would not graduate with their class, etc.**

The core class offerings are English, mathematics, social science and science. Access to classes is limited by funding, available staffing, and in the case of science classes, laboratory space. This means that not all students (depending upon demand) may be able to enroll in the core academic classes. The pacing of summer school is considerably faster than the regular year, and students will take the same end-of-course exams as the regular year students.

Placement of a student in an Extended Year (Summer School) class is according to the following priorities:

1. First priority goes to students who are behind on credits for graduation. Students may not accelerate if they are behind in credits.
2. Second priority goes to students who wish to accelerate. If you are requesting Extended Year for this purpose or to open up space in your schedule, you should consider carefully which classes you truly want to take.

ENROLLMENT WILL BE DONE ON A LOTTERY BASIS IN CORE ACADEMIC CLASSES WHERE DEMAND EXCEEDS SPACE AVAILABILITY.

Attendance in the Extended Year Program does not preclude a student from taking the required six classes during the regular school year.

Extended Year Regulations:

The following regulations must be adhered to by any student in the Extended Year program:

- All regular school rules apply, including the conduct code and dress code. A student may be dropped from summer school for disciplinary reasons. A suspension is an automatic drop from summer school.
- An Extended Year class is essentially a year-long program (2 semesters) that has been condensed into 6 weeks.* A single day's absence from Extended Year equates to a week's worth of absence from the regular school. **Any student who misses three days will be dropped on the third absence. Absences carry over to 2nd semester. In addition, 3 Tardies over 30 minutes is the equivalent to 1 day of absence.** There are no "excused" absences during Extended Year.

****Please note: Per State DMV regulations, Driver Education students must be in class for 30 hours to receive a pink slip. There is no allowance for any absence.***

We understand that there are numerous valuable opportunities that take place during the summer months. In some cases, such opportunities conflict with Extended Year dates. Students should not apply to the Extended Year program if they cannot commit to the entire term of the class (usually 6 weeks).

- Extended Year is a commitment for the full term. **Classes cannot be dropped or added at leisure.** A student who is able to take a class and decides to drop the class will essentially have prevented another Visalia student from enrolling in the class.
- Final exams will be conducted on the last day of each semester. Students must be present and must participate in finals in order to receive credit. **There are no exceptions made for students wanting to be dismissed prior to the last day of the semester (Summer School).** Please plan family vacations and other summer events with this in mind.

Times and Location for Extended Year

Due to air-conditioning and other facilities issues, high school Extended Year programs are often combined at two sites. This year it will be held at El Diamante and Mt. Whitney high schools. **(GW student will attend El Diamante and Redwood students will attend Mt. Whitney).**

Transportation is only provided for GWHS students. Pick up location will be on McCauliff the marquee.

Extended Year begins Tuesday, June 11, 2019 and ends Thursday, July 18, 2019. As an energy-conservation measure, Extended Year will be held Monday through Thursday only. July 4th is on Thursday, so there will be no classes on Friday, July 5, 2019. Instead students will attend Monday through Friday the following week.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
June 10 No School	June 11 Classes Meet	June 12 Classes Meet	June 13 Classes Meet	June 14 Classes meet
June 17 Classes Meet	June 18 Classes Meet	June 19 Classes Meet	June 20 Classes Meet	June 21 No School
June 24 Classes Meet	June 25 Classes Meet	June 26 Classes Meet	June 27 Classes Meet (1 st semester ends)	June 28 No School
July 1 Classes Meet	July 2 Classes Meet	July 3 Classes Meet	July 4 No School/Holiday	July 5 No School
July 8 Classes Meet	July 9 Classes Meet	July 10 Classes Meet	July 11 Classes Meet	July 12 Classes meet
July 15 Classes Meet	July 16 Classes Meet	July 17 Classes Meet	July 18 Classes Meet (2 nd semester ends)	July 19 No School

DAILY SCHEDULE (tentative)	
Periods 1-2	7:10-9:40
Break	15 minutes
Periods 3-4	10:00-12:30

Students will receive their Extended Year schedule during the last two weeks of the regular school year. Schedules for individual students will also be posted along with a map with room number locations for each class just outside the Student Services office on the first day of Extended Year. Campus maps, if needed, will be available in the Student Services office. You should keep this map for reference so that you will easily be able to find your class on the first day of Extended Year (Summer School).

Extended Year Grades:

Extended Year grades will be mailed to students in the early weeks of August and are recorded on the transcripts. If a student needs the grade to be recorded for athletic or activity eligibility, the student should let their counselor/learning director know.

Students should be sure to see their class instructor on the last day of Extended Year to find out the final grade in the class. If the student is unable to accomplish this, any question regarding grades cannot be resolved until the teacher returns to the regular school program in mid-August.