



Amherst County Public Schools

Information Letter to Parents of Middle School Students

Standards of Learning Remedial Summer Programs

Amherst County Public Schools will operate remedial summer programs for qualifying students who are currently in grades 6-8. These programs are designed to provide additional instruction and strategies to those students in grades 6-8 who have failed *Standards of Learning* (SOL) tests and/or courses, who are in danger of failing and/or who have been identified by classroom teachers as needing reinforcement in specific *Standards of Learning* content areas - math or English.

Standards of Learning testing for Spring 2016 will begin in May in our middle schools. **Under Virginia law, students in grades 6, 7, and 8 who fail all four content area tests - math, science, history and reading - are required to participate in a summer remedial program. If your child fails all four tests, we will notify you as quickly as we are able, but this may not occur prior to the first week of June.** If your child has failed all four content area tests and you choose not to participate in the Amherst County Public Schools remedial programs, you must provide a written plan of remediation for your child to be approved by Dr. Steven Nichols, Superintendent of Amherst County Public Schools. This plan must be submitted no later than Tuesday, May 31, 2016.

Each middle school will host a summer remedial program for students currently in grades 6, and 7. Grade 8 students will attend a “transitional” summer school program in the high school. More information will be forthcoming about transitional activities as well as math/reading remediation. Middle school programs will run 4 days per week (Monday - Thursday). They are tentatively scheduled to begin on Monday, June 13, and run through Thursday, June 30, 2016. SOL-based instruction will be determined by the needs of individual students. Anticipated start time for middle school students is 8:00 a.m. with sessions ending by 11:30 a.m. Class sizes will be small with a target of 12-15 students per teacher. School bus transportation will be available - all transportation requirements will remain in effect. There is no charge for participation in this program or for bus transportation.

Middle school teachers and principals are currently working to identify students eligible for summer remediation. **If your child qualifies, you will receive a letter from the principal of your child's school informing you of the opportunity for participation.** We strongly encourage you to take advantage of this additional opportunity for learning, as it should strengthen performance in specific SOL content areas. If you have any questions, please contact the principal of your child's school.