



Amherst County Public Schools

Information Letter to Parents of Elementary 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 3, 4, and 5. These programs are designed to provide additional instruction and strategies to those students who have failed *Standards of Learning* (SOL) tests, or have not met benchmark scores on PALS testing, or have been identified by classroom teachers as needing reinforcement in specific *Standards of Learning* content areas – math or language arts.

Standards of Learning testing for Spring 2017 will begin in May in our elementary schools. **Under Virginia law, students in grades 3, 5, and 8 who fail all four content area tests – math, English, science, and history – 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 end of the school year.** 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 30, 2017.

*Due to ongoing construction projects within our elementary schools this summer, all Elementary summer school programs for students attending Madison Heights, Amelon, Elon and Pleasant View Elementary schools will be held at Amherst Education Center for the 2017 summer school program. All elementary summer school programs for students attending Central, Amherst and Temperance elementary schools will be held at Amherst Middle School for the 2017 summer school program. More information will be forthcoming about transitional activities (Grade 5 students / rising 6th graders) as well as math/reading remediation. Summer school programs will run four days per week (Monday - Thursday) and are tentatively scheduled to begin on Monday, June 12, and run through Thursday, June 29, 2017. SOL-based instruction will be determined by the needs of individual students. Anticipated start time for 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. Elementary students must be met at drop points by persons as required by transportation policy. There is no charge for participation in this program or for bus transportation.

Elementary 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.