



KEY SCHOOL and Training Center

Where Education Goes Beyond One Size Fits All



KEY SUMMER PROGRAM

JUNE
10-28
K-12

It's time to soar!



58 YEARS OF SUPPORTING
STUDENTS WITH
LEARNING DIFFERENCES

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Dear Key Summer Families

It fills me with immense pride to reflect on the rich history of the Key Summer Program. As the pioneer of our educational programs, Key Summer Program has proven to provide educational excellence that has played a pivotal role in shaping the lives of countless students since 1966. What began as a modest initiative to help students who learn differently gain an academic boost, is now a tradition that is ingrained in the fabric of our school's identity and the Tarrant County community.



As we embark on another summer filled with exciting educational opportunities, we will continue to carry forward the legacy of our founder, Mary Ann Key. Hallmark classes such as Reading, Phonics, & Spelling along with Math Fundamentals play a vital role in closing learning gaps for students who struggle in Reading and Math. Our approach to instruction, specialized curriculum, and highly qualified teachers are just a few attributes that have contributed to our long and successful Summer Program reputation.

At Key School, we believe that education goes beyond one size fits all. We look forward to teaching your child in the way they learn best! It is my sincere hope that our summer program can provide your child with a perfect blend of remediation, reinforcement, enrichment, enjoyment, and success!

Thank you for entrusting us with your child's education. Your dedication to their academic success is truly commendable. We look forward to a summer filled with learning, laughter, and endless possibilities.

Sincerely,
Leslie Vasquez, M.Ed.
Director of Education

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Fort Worth Summer Scholars
Collaborative Program

Our Mission

Unleashing student and teacher success with individualized instruction, training and advocacy.

Key Summer Program

The Key Summer Program is designed for students entering grades Kindergarten – 12 who struggle in school and need the benefit of an academic boost for the upcoming school year.

Since its beginning in 1966, Key School has taught thousands of students who need remediation, reinforcement, and enrichment.

Hallmark Classes

Our Hallmark Classes honor the legacy of our founder Mary Ann Key and her army of educators and include Reading, Phonics & Spelling as well as Math Fundamentals. These classes work to dramatically improve academic performance for students and play a vital role in closing learning gaps. Unique to Key Summer Program, Reading, Phonics, & Spelling classes are taught by Certified Academic Language Therapists who have received extensive training in structured literacy that is in-depth and scientifically research-based.

Enrichment Classes

Our Enrichment Classes provide opportunities for students to learn skills that will give them an additional academic support for the next school year and further support educational goals.

Fun Classes

We also offer extracurricular classes to engage and motivate students and unleash their creative and imaginative minds.

Registration Information

We have exciting news to share as we are launching our Key Summer Program with a new registration partner, Sawyer.

Sawyer powers registration for thousands of children's activity businesses so you can safely and easily book activities for your family.

Here's what you can expect from using Sawyer:

- Create a family profile and add multiple children all under one account
- Book activities with ease and on the go
- User friendly and mobile responsive management
- Pay online automatically and securely
- Manage your schedule all in one place
- Sync your child(ren)'s bookings to your I-Calendar or Google Calendar



Or Visit:
www.ksfw.org/summer-program

New This Year

As part of our commitment to ensuring the safety and well-being of all students, we kindly remind you that supervision between classes is required. If your child has a need for supervision between enrolled classes, we are now offering between class childcare for \$40 a week or \$120 for the duration of Key Summer Program. We appreciate your partnership in keeping our school community safe and thriving.

Refund Policy

- If for any reason a student needs to withdraw from Key Summer Program prior to May 3, 2024 a refund (less \$200 administration fee) will be issued.
- Withdrawals after May 3, 2024 will not be eligible for any refund.

HALLMARK

Reading, Phonics, & Spelling

Grades: 1-5

Time: 8:00 - 10:00 a.m.

or 11:15 - 1:15 p.m.

Date: June 10 - June 28, 2024

Cost: \$1050

Grades: 6 - 12

Time: 8:00 - 10:00 a.m.

Date: June 10 - June 28, 2024

Cost: \$1050



The Key Summer Program is best known for its approach to reading instruction. Key School's Reading, Phonics, & Spelling classes are taught by reading specialists and/or Certified Academic Language Therapists who have received extensive training in the development of oral and written language.

The Reading, Phonics, & Spelling classes are ideal for those who want to give their child an academic boost for the coming school year, or for those who are struggling or experiencing difficulty with reading.

Teachers use a structured, sequential, multi-sensory approach in teaching reading which is recommended by experts for students who have been diagnosed with dyslexia or a related disorder. This approach involves instruction in the foundations of the English language, utilizing phonics and word-attack skills that eliminate guesswork and increase success.

Dramatic improvements can be obtained when a reluctant reader utilizes a practical approach to decoding words. The same lessons regarding the phonetic structure of the language are then applied toward spelling improvement.

Students are placed in classes based on their reading level, which is measured during a brief 15-minute skills inventory.

Students will be required to complete homework and may need parental assistance. Homework assignments may include daily review, oral reading, and (in some classes) handwriting practice.

Skills Inventory:

**Your student will need to participate in a brief 15 minute reading skills inventory. A sign-up link with specific times will be emailed to you after course registration is complete.*



HALLMARK

Math Fundamentals (Testing Concepts)



Grades: 1 - 12

Time: 10:00 - 11:15 a.m.

Date: June 10 - June 28, 2024

Cost: \$775

This mathematics course is offered at all elementary, middle, and high school levels. The curriculum builds on the students' present knowledge base by reinforcing existing skills and then systematically introducing new skills in order to achieve the greatest degree of improvement.

Instruction for specific mathematical concepts which must be mastered for standardized testing will be offered at each skill level. Motivating games and concept-building activities are included in this program to help reinforce the grade-level math standards.

Students are administered a pre-test on the first day of instruction to determine class placement. Lessons are then structured around the academic needs of each student.

ENRICHMENT

Kindergarten Academic Readiness



Grades: Entering Kinder Fall 2024

Time: 8:00 - 10:00 a.m.

Date: June 10 - June 28, 2024

Cost: \$1050

This Kindergarten readiness class is designed specifically to prepare children who are entering Kindergarten. Early exposure to the skills needed for reading, math, and handwriting sets up students for success. Near the end of the session, a parent-teacher conference will be scheduled to discuss the student's progress, observations, and recommendations.

Reading

- Letter recognition
- Alphabet sequencing
- Auditory discrimination of sounds
- Blending consonants and vowels

Math

- Number recognition and sequencing
- Rote counting
- Basic addition
- Recognition of coins, days, and months

Handwriting

- Activities to develop gross and fine motor coordination
- Letter formation and shape recognition

ENRICHMENT

Comprehension & Paragraph Writing



Grades: 3 - 5

Time: 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.

Date: June 10 - June 28, 2024

Cost: \$775

Grades: 6 - 8

Time: 11:15 - 12:15 p.m.

Date: June 10 - June 28, 2024

Cost: \$775

Reading and writing are fundamentally about thinking and communicating. This class focuses on improving students' reading comprehension and academic writing. Specifically, in reading comprehension, students improve their recognition and recall of literal information and critical thinking. In writing, students focus on developing organized drafts of their writing in narrative and informational formats after they create a clear "map" of what they want to express.

✓ Comprehension Skills Explored:

- Finding the main idea
- Selecting ideas that support a main idea
- Sequencing events
- Providing support for inferences
- Distinguishing between fact and opinion
- Using context clues

✓ Writing Skills Explored:

- Prewriting organization of thoughts
- Organizing paragraphs
- Expressing ideas (first draft)
- Editing of ideas, structure, and grammar

ENRICHMENT

Reading Comprehension Strategies (Testing Concepts)

Grades: 9 - 12

Time: 12:15 - 1:15 p.m.

Date: June 10 - June 28, 2024

Cost: \$775

Many students benefit from receiving explicit instruction to become effective and efficient readers.

This course assists students in improving both their reading rate and understanding the different forms of writing.

✓ Areas of Focus for Approval

- Predictions
- Inferences
- Main idea/context clues
- Measuring reading speed
- Recognizing key words and important details



Keyboarding

Grades: 5 - 12

Time: 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.

Date: June 10 - June 28, 2024

Cost: \$675

Grades: 5 - 12

Time: 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Date: June 10 - June 28, 2024

Cost: \$675

Our multi-sensory methodology is ideal for teaching elementary, middle school, and high school students keyboarding. By utilizing auditory, visual, and hands-on reinforcement, all learning channels become engaged.

While this class is designed to give students the ability to type school assignments competently, it also serves as a means of reinforcing language skills. This enables those whose handwriting is slow and tedious, such as students with dysgraphia or disorders of written expression, to develop a more efficient means of writing.

ENRICHMENT

Algebra

Grades: 7 - 12

Time: 8:00 - 9:00 a.m. (Pre-Algebra)

Date: June 10 - June 28, 2024

Cost: \$775

Grades: 7 - 12

Time: 12:15 - 1:15 p.m. (Algebra I)

Date: June 10 - June 28, 2024

Cost: \$775

Most educators consider algebra to be the cornerstone for development of higher-level math skills.

The Key Summer Program's approach is to teach the fundamentals, not only for the student who needs added guidance and support in understanding algebraic concepts, but also for those who would benefit from pre-instruction and early preparation prior to enrollment at each course level of algebra.

Pre-Algebra

This course includes algebraic concepts that are covered in Pre-Algebra and Algebra I curriculum. The following concepts are taught:

- Integers
- Proper order of operations
- Factoring and graphing
- Inequalities
- Equations with two or more operations
- Powers and radicals

Algebra I

This high school level class includes an overall review of basic algebra and provides an extensive, high-level drill of the concepts presented in Algebra I. This course will include the following concepts:

- Graphing
- Systems of Equations
- Powers
- Imaginary units
- Parabolas
- Circles
- Hyperbolas
- Factoring
- Word problems
- Radicals
- Ellipses
- Matrices
- Sequence and Series
- Logarithms

**These classes are for enrichment only. Students cannot earn high school credit.*

ENRICHMENT

Financial Literacy

Grades: 7 - 12

Time: 11:15 - 12:15 p.m.

Date: June 10 - June 28, 2024

Cost: \$775

This course is specifically designed to help students explore how spending, saving, and value impact their finances. They will learn how to create SMART goals and make decisions using a six-step DECIDE process. Using these strategies, they will develop their own plan to manage cash flow.

✓ **Areas of study taught through application in personal finance include:**

- Sources of income
- Budgeting
- Banking
- Consumer credit
- Taxes
- Savings accounts
- Buying a vehicle
- Living independently

Through project-based learning activities and tasks, students will apply mathematical concepts in realistic scenarios and actively engage by applying the mathematics necessary to make informed decisions related to personal finance.

ENRICHMENT

Geometry

Grades: 9 - 12

Time: 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.

Date: June 10 - June 28, 2024

Cost: \$775

This course is ideal for students who would benefit from either pre-instruction prior to enrollment in high school geometry, or to serve as a review for those who have already completed the class. The focus of this course is to teach the geometric terms and concepts necessary for developing clear understanding of geometry.

✓ **As necessary, three dimensional models and manipulatives are included as multi-sensory components. The following concepts are taught:**

- Perimeter, area, and volume
- Circles, lines, triangles, polygons, and angles
- Parallel Lines
- Perpendicular Lines
- Formulas and theorems
- Postulates

**This class is for enrichment only. Students cannot earn high school credit.*

Connections I, II, & III

Digital Art & Animation Studio

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| <p>Connections I Grades: 3-5 Time: 9:15 - 10:15 a.m. Date: June 10 - June 28, 2024 Cost: \$475</p> | <p>Connections II: Grades: 6 - 8 Time: 10:15 - 11:15 a.m. Date: June 10 - June 28, 2024 Cost: \$475</p> | <p>Connections III Grades: 9-12 Time: 11:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. Date: June 10 - June 28, 2024 Cost: \$475</p> |
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Grades: 6 - 12

Time: 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Date: June 10 - June 28, 2024

Cost: \$475

Bring your imagination to life and create the project of your dreams! You'll build a foundation in drawing and animation with principles used by professionals like Disney animators, and across industries including game design and illustration. Then, you'll apply those concepts by designing characters and animating your own stories. Whether you want to sketch ideas in Photoshop or edit your final film in Premiere Pro, you'll have the opportunity to find a path that matches your creative interests! You'll craft skills like problem-solving, story planning, and visual design.

Social Skills are connected to a child's overall well-being and mental health. These skills build the vital social connections needed to increase self-efficacy and agency, strengthen self-esteem, and can inform academic and social success. Connections is a strengths-based curriculum that will consider each child's unique development, celebrate strengths, and teach important social-emotional skills that promote richer social connections and optimal academic success.



Art

Grades: 6 - 12

Time: 12:15 - 1:15 p.m.

Date: June 10 - June 28, 2024

Cost: \$475

Whether you're a seasoned artist or just starting to explore your artistic side, our fun art class is tailored for everyone. We will experiment with different mediums such as painting, sculpture, and drawing through a combination of both individual projects and group projects to be shown off around our campus! This art class is filled with positive energy, fostering a sense of community where artists of all levels can shine!

Coding 101

Grades: 5-8

Time: 11:15 - 12:15 p.m.

Date: June 10 - June 28, 2024

Cost: \$475

This course teaches students how software and hardware work together to interact with the physical world. Through coding, students will learn how to make their pocket-sized computer respond to inputs. The code used is "drag and drop" code blocks which requires no previous coding experience. Through this fun and engaging course, students will work with their peers to learn coding and teamwork.

FUN CLASS

Digital Video Production

Grades: 6 - 12

Time: 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.

Date: June 10 - June 28, 2024

Cost: \$475

Step behind the scenes of video production with DSLR equipment and Adobe's powerful editing suite. You'll take a spin in the director's chair as you develop a short film from start to finish—plan a story, capture real-time video and audio, and polish your clips in Express, After Effects, and Premiere Pro. You'll put the finishing touches on your film implementing state-of-the-art color grading, effects, and motion graphics animation. Your video portfolio could be the key to your dream college, future career in the industry, or as a content creator on YouTube. Make your mark on this collaborative production experience!



FUN CLASS

Creative Digital Photography

Grades: 6 - 12

Time: 11:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

Date: June 10 - June 28, 2024

Cost: \$475

Don't just Take photos, learn to Make photos! As we explore various compositional techniques, students will learn to make beautiful images of the world around them! We'll take nature walks while also learning the essential functions of a digital SLR camera. Instruction will include shutter speeds, controlling motion, exposure control, and ISO and white balance. Instruction will also include basic image editing using Photoshop. Students will complete the course with their very own portfolio.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Does my child have to attend every day of the summer program?

We recommend your child attend every day. The material covered in each class moves quickly and students will be behind if they are absent. We do not pro-rate, refund, or discount classes due to absences.

Q: Is there a second summer term?

No, our Key Summer Program classes are scheduled for June 10 - June 28, 2024. We do not have a second session or alternate dates.

Q: What is the Key Summer Program dress code?

Uniforms are not required. Jeans, shorts, and t-shirts are acceptable. Classrooms can get cold, please bring a jacket or sweater.

Q: Should I park and walk my child in each day?

You are welcome to park in a designated Visitor parking spot and walk your child into the building, but it is not required. There will be a car-line for drop-off and pick-up in the back of building between each class. Parents/guardians are welcome to wait inside the building while students attend class.

Q: Do the classes fill up or have a maximum number?

To keep a low student-to-teacher ratio, some classes are limited to 8-10 students. We recommend you register online early to secure a spot.

Q: What is the Summer Scholars Collaborative?

The Read Fort Worth Summer Scholars Collaborative is an opportunity for programs serving Fort Worth ISD students to align best practices and share data to ensure students gain or maintain literacy levels over the summer.

Q: Is there before camp drop-off or after camp stay?

We are offering complimentary before camp drop off at 7:30 am. There is no after camp available.

Q: Does my child get a lunch break?

Students do not have a scheduled lunch break during Key Summer Program. If you would like your child to have a lunch break between classes, we have supervised childcare available for \$40 a week or \$120 for the duration of the Key Summer Program.

Q: What does my child do if he/she has a gap between classes?

For students who have a gap between scheduled classes, we will have childcare available \$40 a week or \$120 for the duration of the Key Summer Program. Childcare will not include educational instruction but will offer a supervised location for students to have a snack, rest, or study.

Key Summer Program Schedule of Classes

Visit www.KSFW.org to register

June 10 - June 28, 2024 // Classes Meet Monday - Friday

Tuition includes all books and supplies. Financial Aid is not available for summer program classes.

| Time | Class Name | Grade Level | Cost | Page |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------|--------|------|
| 8:00 - 10:00 a.m. | Kindergarten Academic Readiness | Entering Kinder | \$1050 | 9 |
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| 8:00 - 9:00 a.m. | Pre-Algebra (Enrichment) | 7 - 12 | \$775 | 12 |
| 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. | Keyboarding | 5 - 12 | \$675 | 11 |
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| 12:15 - 1:15 p.m. | Reading Comprehension Strategies | 9 - 12 | \$775 | 11 |
| 12:15 - 1:15 p.m. | Algebra I (Enrichment) | 7 - 12 | \$775 | 12 |
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