

**2026 EXPANDED SUMMER SCHOOL PROGRAM
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS**

June 1, 2026

What is the Expanded Summer School Program?

Starting in 2026, San Diego Unified School District is expanding its summer learning opportunities for students through the state-funded Extended Learning Opportunities Program (ELOP), a California initiative designed to increase access to academic and enrichment programs outside the traditional school year.

As a Rate 1 district under California’s ELOP requirements, San Diego Unified must provide broad access to expanded learning opportunities for students, including summer programming and enrichment opportunities that meet state program requirements.

San Diego Unified’s Summer 2026 programming aims to accelerate learning and expand enrichment opportunities that foster student well-being, knowledge, and skills. The onsite Summer Academic Program will re-engage students in learning, with TK–6th graders grouped by grade to focus on foundational literacy, numeracy, and social-emotional learning. For grades 7–12, online and in-person interdisciplinary courses (English, History/Social Science, Math, Science) will support both credit recovery and student interests.

Additional information can be found here: <https://www.sdusdello.com/summer-academic>

Because joint-use facilities are located on active school campuses and on district-owned property, they must prioritize the district’s educational mission and student programming needs. California Education Code requires that school property be used for school purposes, and joint-use access is provided when it can be accommodated alongside district operations and student programming under the Civic Community Center Act.

Both the city and the district work to balance the shared use of joint-use facilities to the maximum extent feasible; however, the district’s curricular needs for its students shall prevail in the event of scheduling conflicts.

What are the dates for the 2026 Expanded Summer School Program?

- June 4 – July 17, 2026 (excluding holidays June 19 and July 3)

How will the Expanded Summer School Program modify joint-use hours?

- Open to the public joint-use hours:
 - Monday through Friday dawn until 8am and 5pm until dusk
 - Saturday-Sunday and holidays (June 19 and July 3) dawn to dusk
- Closed to the public hours (student use only):
 - Monday through Friday 8am-5pm

Which joint-use facilities will be in the 2026 Expanded Summer School Program?

Alcott ES	Franklin ES	Pacific Beach ES
Audubon ES	Gage ES	Rosa Parks ES
Barnard Magnet	Garfield ES	Spreckels ES
Carson ES	Hearst ES	Torrey Pines ES
Challenger MS	Ibarra ES	Walker ES
Chollas Mead ES	Jefferson ES	Wilson MS
Clairemont Canyons	Juarez ES	Zamarano ES
CPMA	Kimbrough ES	
Curie ES	Kumeyaay ES	
Dingeman ES	Language Academy	
EB Scripps ES	Linda Vista ES	
Encanto ES	Longfellow	
Ericson ES	Mason ES	
Fay ES	McKinley ES	
Field ES	Ocean Beach ES	

The Parks and Recreation Department will not issue new user group permits from 8am-5pm Monday through Friday for the joint-use fields that have 2026 Expanded Summer School Programming. Parks and Recreation staff will work with user groups to find alternative locations wherever possible.

A limited number of user groups who previously obtained a Parks and Recreation permit for a Joint Use Facility impacted by the 2026 Expanded Summer School Program will be accommodated.

How does joint-use work?

Joint-use facilities are recreational spaces, such as fields, playgrounds, courts, tracks, and open spaces, that are located for the most part on school district property and shared through a partnership between the City of San Diego and San Diego Unified School District.

These joint-use partnerships help maximize the use of public facilities by allowing school sites to serve both students during the school day and the broader community during non-school hours. Joint-use facilities provide valuable recreational space for neighborhoods, youth sports organizations, families, and community groups throughout the year.

More information about the City's Joint Use Program with School Districts can be found here:

<https://www.sandiego.gov/parks-and-recreation/design-development/joint-use-facilities>