

**Public Schools of Brookline
Universal Summer Program
Summer 2021**

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) - Updated June 21, 2021

1. Is the Universal Summer Program (USP) open to all students?

All students enrolled in the Public Schools of Brookline who are entering grades 1-8 in September 2021 are eligible to participate in the Universal Summer Program.

2. Can a student attend part of a session of USP?

No. Students must commit to attending each session for the full 2 weeks due to the collaborative, project-based model. Students may attend either Session 1: July 6-16; Session 2: July 19-30; or both Sessions 1&2: July 6-30.

3. Will the program have a remote option?

No. The program will run in person at two different school sites: the Florida Ruffin Ridley School and the Baker School.

4. Are breakfast and lunch free for all students?

Yes.

5. When is drop off and pick up?

Drop Off:

For students who would like to eat breakfast at school, drop off is at 8:15 am.

For students who are not eating breakfast at school, drop off begins at 8:35 pm. The program officially begins at 8:45 am.

Pick Up:

For students who would like to eat lunch at school, pick up is at 12:30 pm.

For students who would like to take lunch home or are not participating in the lunch program, pick up is at 11:45 am.

6. Is transportation provided?

Transportation will be provided for students who reside in Boston and are enrolled in Brookline's METCO program.

7. Are there other activities for my child in the afternoon following the Universal Summer Program?

Yes, we will offer all USP families an afternoon enrichment program run by Brookline Adult and Community Education. This program will be fee-based and contingent upon enrollment and staffing, will be held at both the Florida Ruffin Ridley School and the Baker School. USP staff will transition students to their afternoon program. Please visit the [Brookline Adult and Community Education website](#) for additional information and to register.

8. What if my child has also been invited to attend ESY, Project Discovery, or STAR Academy?

To ensure that all students have equal opportunity to access both programs, any student who qualifies for ESY can attend the Universal Summer Program as scheduled and ESY services will be provided before and/or after the Universal Summer Program. ESY staff will be in contact with a revised schedule for services.

For students invited to participate in Project Discovery, note that the USP dates and times do overlap. Therefore, families may choose between Project Discovery and USP.

For students participating in weeks 1 and 2 of STAR Academy, these dates overlap with session 2 of USP. Students enrolled in STAR Academy during weeks 3, 4, and/or 5 do not have any conflict with USP and would be able to participate in both USP and STAR Academy.

Students who attend USP must commit to the full two-week session(s) for which they register due to the group project format.