

Pleasant Hill R-III School District

Summer School 2026

Grades K–5 according to the 2026–2027 school year grade levels



Go for the Gold: Level Up Learning

Dates and Times

Thurs, May 28th- Wed, June 24th
*No School June 19th
8:15 a.m.-2:15 p.m.

Location

Pleasant Hill Elementary School
327 N McKissock St.
Pleasant Hill, MO 64080

Attendance

Summer school classes bridge the gap that often occurs between the ending of one school year and the start of the next. Consistent, daily attendance will ensure that your child is gaining the full benefit of the program!

Contact Information

Summer School Principal:
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Summer School Secretary
Ms. Julia Longmeyer
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Enrollment Eligibility

Summer school classes are available to students who attend the Pleasant Hill School District.. Please call if your child is out of district.

Transportation

Transportation will be provided to students who reside in the Pleasant Hill R-III School District and complete the online enrollment. Please make sure that FOCUS has the correct information. **All transportation requests must be received by Friday, May 22nd, 2026, or district-provided transportation is not guaranteed.**

Student Conduct/Dress

All school conduct codes for the regular school year are in effect during summer school. Dismissal from summer school based on these codes is the decision of the Summer School Administration. Students are expected to behave in a manner that does not disrupt the learning process. Summer school is an optional program; therefore, behavior infractions will not be tolerated. **Students who engage in inappropriate conduct may be removed from the summer school program by the administration.**

Course Information

Please fill out the google form to express interest for each child in your household that would like to attend summer school.

- All kindergarten and first grade students will be “self-contained” with the same teacher during summer school. Students will receive reading, writing, and math instruction. These young students will have a pre-planned enrichment rotation (similar to the school year encore schedule.)
- All students in 2nd-5th grade will receive reading, math, writing, and 2 enrichment classes.
- Some students will also receive small group reading intervention. We will utilize district purchased resources for reading, writing, and math instruction.
- Enrichment courses can be found on the linked pages. Select your child’s top 4 choices. Please pick **four different** options as scheduling sometimes causes conflicts between their top choices.



Other

- Online enrollment through Focus must be completed the beginning of May.
- Register your child for the grade they will be in for the 2026-2027 school year. (Example: if your child is currently a first grader, you will be enrolling them as a second grader for summer school)
- Your child's final registration for summer school will be communicated in mid-May, and bus schedules and information will be sent home the last week of school.



Pop Music

Ms. Hallman

In our 🎵 pop music class, students explore school-appropriate artists by listening to their music and engaging in read-alouds about their lives and careers. We also learn fun dances inspired by popular songs and encourage students to express their creativity through movement and discussion. This class is a great way to build music appreciation while having fun and being creative! 🎤

Level Up: Lego Lab

Mrs. Moore or Ms. Meehan

Get ready to 🚧 build, create, and explore in this hands-on LEGO adventure! Students will use their imaginations and engineering skills 🔧 to tackle fun challenges and design original creations. Along the way, students will learn about teamwork, problem-solving, and basic STEM concepts. They'll plan, test, and improve their designs just like real engineers. 🏗️

America's 250th Birthday

Ms. Kehl

Through art, we will celebrate the 250th birthday 🎉 of the United States of America. We will create artwork from all time periods in American history, working in the styles of different artists, use a variety of techniques and supplies all while learning a bit of history about how the United States of America came to be.

🇺🇸 Like weaving a banner to create a sign you might have seen in 1776.

Creating a cake or cupcake sculpture for the celebration. Getting the background on how the Statue of Liberty 🗽 came to the USA and painting her in the style of Peter Max. Lots of creative celebrations in the art room! 🦅





Missouri State Symbols

Ms. Stumpff

Come explore Missouri in a fun, hands-on way by learning about the state's unique symbols. Through art projects, simple STEM-style challenges, creative writing, and interactive activities, students will discover everything from the state 🦌 animal and bird 🐦 to important natural features and cultural traditions. Each day includes a short mini-lesson followed by engaging activities that encourage creativity, teamwork, and curiosity. By the end of the four weeks, students will have a deeper appreciation for Missouri while building confidence, critical thinking skills, and a collection of projects to showcase their learning. 🇺🇸



STEM

Mrs. Spencer

This stem class will focus on the  scientific method and steps to accurate experimental design.  This learning will consist of several smaller experiments  guided by the teacher. By the end of the course, students will design and complete their own experiment. 



Animal Experts

Ms. Grainger

Do you love animals and adventure? In this exciting class, students will become real-life animal explorers as they travel through different habitats.  We'll discover amazing animals, learn how they survive in their habitats, and take on fun challenges as you build your knowledge and skills. If you enjoy learning about animals, exploring new environments, and being part of an exciting adventure, this is the class for you! 

"Director's Chair" Critique

Mrs. Castle

 Lights, Camera, Action... & Snacks 

Calling all Bookworms and Movie Buffs!


Have you ever read a book and thought, "I hope they don't mess this up in the movie!"? Well, now is your chance to be the judge. Join us for Summer Cinema & Stories, where we don't just watch—we investigate!

We are diving deep into some of our favorite stories this summer.

Which is better? The book or the movie?



Around the World

Ms. Rice

Take a trip around the world this summer! Students will travel with their passports in hand as they explore different countries and cultures from across the globe. Each day will include exciting crafts, interactive games, and a short lesson about a new country. To wrap up the summer, students will choose their favorite country and create a poster to showcase what they've learned. Come travel with me to Greece, Egypt, France, the United States, and more! 


Athletic All-Stars

Mr. Tedder

 In PE this summer we will be exploring the basics and developing our abilities with both hands and feet. We will explore how to work as a team, developing hand eye coordination, and conquering the use of implements. We will work hard to adhere to the values of cooperation, teamwork, sportsmanship, and hard work as we explore games both new and old. 

Champion Writers




Mrs. Grado

Get ready to learn a new skill in a fun and engaging way! In this class, students will explore the art of  *cursive* writing and building confidence as they learn to read and write in a smooth, flowing style. Through interactive practice and creative activities, students will strengthen their handwriting while discovering the joy of expressing themselves in *cursive* all summer long!






Gold Medal Game Masters

Mrs. Schmoll or Mrs. McKee

 Get ready to learn, laugh, and connect with others through the power of play! In this class, students will build important social skills while playing a variety of board games.  As they take turns, follow rules, solve problems, and practice teamwork, students will grow in communication, patience, and sportsmanship—all in a fun and supportive environment. Each day is a chance to make new friends and become a more confident, respectful player! 

Life Lab

Ms. Jackson

Life Lab is a fun,  hands-on class where students will learn important everyday skills they can use at home and in real life. Through activities and challenges, students will explore topics like basic cooking and healthy plates to simple kitchen safety and money skills. They will also explore organization, responsibility, and teamwork.  Students will practice real world problem solving, learn how to make simple meals and snacks, and gain confidence in helping at home. This class is designed to build independence, decision-making skills, and positive habits for life. 

To request enrichment classes, complete **Summer Registration in Focus**.

For complete Summer School enrollment in our system, Focus, see the information below:

To enroll current Pleasant Hill R-III students in Summer School, please [select this link](#). To add your existing students to your portal, you will need their 5-digit local ID (also known as their lunch PIN) and their date of birth.

After logging into the portal, click the arrow next to your student's name on the left side of the screen, then select "Forms Summary" followed by "Summer Re-Enrollment." Please complete all required questions. Your registration will be finalized once you click the green "Submit and Finish" button.

To enroll new students in Summer School, please [select this link](#). To add a new student to PHSD, you will need their date of birth and select Summer Registration.

You can complete the registration immediately after entering the information, or you may choose to save and continue later. To access after logging into the portal, click the arrow next to your student's name on the left side of the screen, then select "Forms Summary" followed by "Summer Registration." Please complete all required questions. Your registration will be finalized once you click the green "Submit and Finish" button.