



June 14, 2021

Greetings OCS Summer Scholars Academy Families!

Today was a great first day of the OCS Summer Scholars Academy! Over 1,500 students are enrolled! It was wonderful to see our students' faces again; some tired, some curious, and many with smiles.

Summer Scholars Academy Session Dates and Friday Care

Just as a reminder, Summer Scholars Academy runs **Monday through Thursday** of each week.

- 1st session: June 14 - July 2
- Holiday Break: July 5-9
- 2nd session: July 12 - July 30

Friday Care is available for those who signed up by the deadline of May 19. Unfortunately, we are unable to enroll any new students in Friday Care.

- **Please note: There will only be one site location for Friday Care and that will be at: Grady A. Brown Elementary School: 1100 New Grady Brown School Rd., Hillsborough, NC, 27278**
- If you have any questions about Friday Care, please contact: Mr. Wayne Winstead, OCS School Community Relations Coordinator at wayne.winstead@orange.k12.nc.us.
- **Please note, there will be NO Friday Care on Friday, June 18, 2021** in observance of Juneteenth, a district holiday.

Safety and Code of Responsibilities for Students

According to the governor's Executive Order 220 released on June 11, 2021, staff and students are required to wear a mask/face coverings at all times. Please be sure to send your child to school wearing a mask. We will review safety protocols with your child at school. We will maintain as much social distancing as possible as well. Please do not send your child to school if your child or anyone in the home is experiencing COVID symptoms, waiting for test results or have tested positive for COVID. Additionally, the link to the Code of Responsibilities for Summer Scholars can be found [here](#). Please review expectations with your child. If you have any questions or concerns regarding COVID or the Code of Responsibilities, please call your site administrator as soon as possible. Names and contact information for each site's administrator is listed in the chart below.

Classroom Instructors

Your child may have one or two instructors for each session. We will work to assign the same instructors as best as possible. Being that teachers attend professional development and take vacation during the summer, there may be days where your child may have a substitute teacher.

Weekly Communication and Summer Scholars' Academy Webpage

At minimum, each site administrator will provide families with a weekly update to let you know how the week went and the types of learning your child experienced. If you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact your site administrator. Their names and contact



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information is provided below. This information and updates can also be found on the [Summer Scholars Academy webpage](#).

Transportation

If you requested bus service, bus route information was emailed this past weekend. If you did not receive your bus information, please call Ms. Donnetta Poole with the Department of Transportation, at 919-732-2531 or email her at donnetta.poole@orange.k12.nc.us. Elementary and Middle School families can check the status of the bus ride via the Here Comes the Bus app. Here is the [link](#) to the directions to the app.

For families driving and picking up their children, there are staff directing the pick-up and drop-off lines at each of the elementary and middle school locations. Students can arrive at school between 7:30 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. in the morning and pick up starts at 5:00 p.m. for full-day students. For students attending only half days in the morning, pick up starts at 11:15 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. if staying for lunch. Please let your site administrator know when you will be picking up your child.

Meals

- **Full Day Students:** If your child is attending camp for the full day, they will receive breakfast, lunch and a snack.
- **Morning Only Students:** Students participating in the morning session only will receive breakfast and a bag lunch.
- **Afternoon Only Students:** Those students participating in the afternoon session only will receive a snack and those needing lunch will receive a meal.
- Families are welcome to send a snack and/or lunch with their child. Please do not send food items that may contain peanuts due to potential allergies.
- The meal menu can be found on <https://www.orangecountyfirst.com/Page/1119>.
- Students are encouraged to bring their own water bottles.

School Supplies and Materials

- Students are asked to bring their laptops and chargers every day.
- All other materials and supplies will be provided by the school.

Summer Scholars' Academy Sites and Site Administrators

<u>SITE</u>	<u>SITE ADMINISTRATORS</u>
Grady A. Brown Elementary School 1100 New Grady Brown School Rd Hillsborough, NC 27278	Ms. Tiffany Long tiffany.long@orange.k12.nc.us 919-638-5286



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New Hope Elementary School 1900 New Hope Church Road Chapel Hill, NC 2751	Mr. William "Austin" Morris austin.morris@orange.k12.nc.us 919-942-9696
Pathways Elementary School 431 Strouds Creek Rd Hillsborough, NC 27278	Ms. Karessa Lattimore karessa.lattimore@orange.k12.nc.us 919-732-9136
Gravelly Hill Middle School 4801 West Ten Road Efland, NC 27243	Ms. Crystal Medlin crystal.medlin@orange.k12.nc.us 919-245-4050
Cedar Ridge High School 1129 New Grady Brown School Road Hillsborough, NC 27278	Ms. Heather Witherspoon heather.witherspoon@orange.k12.nc.us 919-245-4000 x 21004 Ms. Kristin Williamson kristin.williamson@orange.k12.nc.us 919-245-21002 x 21003 Mr. Bryce Richardson bryce.richardson@orange.k12.nc.us 919-245-4000 x 21002



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Orange High School 500 Orange High School Road Hillsborough, NC 27278	Dr. Will Okun will.okun@orange.k12.nc.us 919-732-6133 x 20004 Ms. Kandis Sauls kandis.sauls@orange.k12.nc.us 919-732-6133 x 20002 Ms. Danielle Boyd danielle.boyd@orange.k12.nc.us 919-732-6133 x 20003
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Transportation Contacts

<u>NAME/TITLE/PHONE</u>	<u>HOW THEY CAN HELP</u>
Chad Gaster , Bus Manager 919-732-2531 ext. 14530 Donnetta Poole , TIMS Coordinator 919-732-2531 ext. 14552	If you need to know a bus number, pick-up and drop-off times, or bus locations for a student.
Wanda Bain , Exceptional Children (EC) Bus Manager 919-732-2531 ext. 14551	If you need to know a bus number, pick-up and drop-off times, or bus locations for an EC student.

The OCS Summer Scholars Academy is a great opportunity for our students to continue their learning through remediation, readiness/preparing for next school year, and/or enrichment. It will also be an opportunity for our students to continue developing their joy of learning!

Thank you for choosing Orange County Schools Summer Scholars' Program and I hope this information is helpful! If you have any questions, please email ocs.summerschool@orange.k12.nc.us or call Mr. Franklin McCune, project coordinator, at 919-732-8126 ext. 12010.

Respectfully,

Dr. Kathleen A. Dawson
Deputy Superintendent