



# DEMOCRACY PREP HARLEM CHARTER SCHOOL

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## **Summer Academy 2017—Student Expectations**

**Dates: July 5<sup>th</sup>—July 28<sup>th</sup>**

For the first day of session, July 5<sup>th</sup>, all scholars must be at DPHMS by 8.15 for Summer Academy orientation. Scholars will then transition to their academic classes. This is mandatory and scholars should be in full uniform—Oxford shirt, grey slacks, black belt, white or black socks, and black shoes.

On all other days, students must arrive between 8.15-8.25 am. 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade scholars will enter through the front door. 8<sup>th</sup> grade scholars will enter from the 8<sup>th</sup> grade entrance.

**Promotion Requirements:** In order for you to be promoted to the next grade at the end of summer academy, you must successfully meet all of the following requirements:

- 1) **Comprehensive Exams:** You must pass the comprehensive exams for all classes in which you are taking at summer school.
- 2) **Classes:** You must pass all of your summer school classes.
- 3) **Behavior:** If you are sent out of class more than two times, you may be dismissed from the summer academy program and will be required to repeat the grade.
- 4) **Attendance:** If you miss more than two days of summer school, you may automatically be retained.
- 5) **On Time Arrival:** Repeated lateness will count as an absence. Being late three times equal one absence.



**Summer School Expectations:** In order for you to take advantage of the summer academy program, you must fulfill the following expectations:

- 1) **Behavior:** There are no DREAM dollars and there is no detention during summer academy. Summer academy is your last chance to be promoted. If you do not show through your behavior, your attitude, and your participation that you want to take advantage of this opportunity, then you will not be allowed to participate. *If you are sent out of class more than two times, you may automatically be retained. You can be sent out of a class for:*
  - a. being disrespectful to your teacher or any adult
  - b. being disrespectful or unkind to another student
  - c. refusing to follow directions
  - d. demonstrating physical or verbal violence, even as a joke or in a playful way
  
- 2) **Homework:** All homework assignments must be completed.
  
- 3) **Preparedness:** You must bring six sharpened pencils, class novel, and math notebooks to school each day. If you are unprepared, your guardians will be contacted. Repeated unpreparedness may threaten your promotion.
  
- 4) **Uniform:** You must wear your DPHMS uniform shirt (oxford), tucked in, with an appropriate belt, and grey slacks or you may wear your gym uniform. Do not mix and match or you will be sent home.
  - You are still expected to wear solid black shoes or sneakers, and may wear any socks of your choice.
  - All other aspects of the DPHMS uniform must be followed, including hair and nail policies.
  - Scholars may if they choose wear a Democracy Prep T-shirt, tucked in.
  
- 5) **Class Attendance:**
  - a. You are expected to attend BOTH reading and math classes during Summer Academy
  - b. Attendance will be taken every morning. Scholars must arrive and be in their classroom seat ready for instruction before 8.30 am or they will be marked late. Scholars will be allowed to enter the building at 8.15am.
  - c. Arriving late three times will count as one absence.
  - d. If you miss more than two days of summer school you may be retained.
  - e. When you are dismissed, you will walk quietly out of the building and **go directly home.** You may not wait outside of school for any scholars. Loitering around school may result in your dismissal from summer school and automatic retention. Even though you are no longer in the building, you are expected to follow all directions from staff in regards to dismissal procedures.

**6) Cell Phones and Electronics:**

- a. Electronics will be placed collected every morning.
- b. All electronics must be TURNED OFF before entering the building
- c. If a teacher sees your electronic during school, they will take it and a guardian will have to pick it up from school.

Remember, Summer Academy is an opportunity. It is your final chance to prove that you are ready to be promoted to the next grade. Make sure to take advantage of it. Work hard. Ask lots of questions and complete all of your homework. Earn your seat in the next grade!! You can do it.

Parents and guardians – please be in touch with me if you have any questions. My phone number and email are listed below.

All the best –

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**PLEASE KEEP THE EXPECTATIONS PORTION AT  
HOME AND ONLY RETURN THIS SLIP.**  
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By signing below I signify that I have read and agree to all the Summer Academy policies listed above and understand that the violation of any of these policies may result in my scholars retention.

Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or guardian's signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Best contact number: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*\*Please return this portion of the packet the first day of Summer Academy**