

TO: All VCS 6-8 Licensed Teachers  
FROM: Elizabeth Krutz, Principal Thomas Jefferson Middle School  
RE: Middle School Summer School  
DATE: April 10, 2017

**Valparaiso Community Schools  
Problem Based Learning Remediation  
Summer School Teaching Application 2017**

The middle school summer school program will begin on Monday, July 10 and conclude on Friday, July 28 from 7:35-12:35 with a 30 min. lunch for students. The location of the program will be Thomas Jefferson Middle School. Three leveled sections with a maximum of sixty students at each grade level will be provided for incoming sixth, seventh and eighth grade students throughout the district. Students will be recommended based on English/Language Arts and Mathematics academic needs for success in the next grade level.

The three week problem based learning units may be broken into smaller units of study as determined by the grade level team and administration. Each summer school teacher will utilize a unit of study that will be taught to each of the three leveled sections, each day. The weekly five hour problem based learning time block will include ELA and Math standards utilizing Study Island, and Kahn Academy. Students will have computers to use during these three weeks. Teachers will administer NWEA Summer to measure student's overall growth from May in ELA and Math. Teachers will plan and organize problem based learning while meeting the academic needs of the students.

Summer school teachers are to be in attendance every day of summer school unless there is an illness. The summer school program is brief and the students need the consistency of the same teacher. Teachers not able to fulfill the fifteen day summer school programs are asked **not** to apply. If there are any unusual circumstances requiring a teacher's absence, the teacher's situation can be taken under advisement with Mrs. Krutz, Summer School Principal.

If you are interested in applying, complete the attached application and return it to Mrs. Elizabeth Krutz by **Monday, April 17, 2017** at TJMS. All applications will be reviewed and a selection of three teachers for sixth, seventh, and eighth will be made. You will be notified once student sections are filled mid-May. If there are questions, please contact Elizabeth Krutz

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**2017 Summer School**  
**Problem Based Learning Remediation Application**

Teacher's Name \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_  
Current Grade Assignment\_\_\_\_ Current Subject Assignment \_\_\_\_\_  
Teacher's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Date Submitted \_\_\_\_\_

Please Note: Students in summer school will be organized according to 2017-18 grade level. Summer school will be considered an individualized remediation opportunity designed to focus on ELA and Mathematics Skills through Problem Based Learning. Teachers should take this into consideration as they indicate their grade level preferences.

Important: Please indicate the grade level(s) that you would prefer to teach this summer. (Please state your 1st, 2nd, and 3rd choices for grade level and subjects below.)

\_\_\_\_\_ Grade 6 - Indicate Subject Focus Below

- \_\_\_\_\_ ELA
- \_\_\_\_\_ Math
- \_\_\_\_\_ PBL in other disciplines

\_\_\_\_\_ Grade 7

- \_\_\_\_\_ ELA
- \_\_\_\_\_ Math
- \_\_\_\_\_ PBL in other disciplines

\_\_\_\_\_ Grade 8

- \_\_\_\_\_ ELA
- \_\_\_\_\_ Math
- \_\_\_\_\_ PBL in other disciplines

Current Teacher's License: \_\_\_\_\_

Return to Mrs. Krutz at Thomas Jefferson Middle School by Thursday, April 13, 2017.