

SUMMER EXPERIENCES GUIDE

Summer is an opportunity for students to try new activities and develop existing interests. It is a time for students to be productive, consider experiencing a new environment, meet new friends, and perhaps take a risk to get out of their comfort zone.

For students interested in summer programs, I am sharing a list of programs and some questions to consider before starting a search. If you find worthwhile programs, please let me know so it can be added to this list. Mathema Education does not endorse any specific program. The family is responsible for investigating programs of interest to determine what might be a good fit.

Important questions for students to reflect on before developing a summer program list:

- In what ways can I make the most of my summer? What are my goals?
- Academic programs (specific discipline to help me learn more about what I want to study or something that will help me improve my language or math skills?)
- Immersive language programs
- Fine Arts/Portfolio Development (visual arts, music, drama)
- Academic research
- Internship or job shadowing
- Community service
- Leadership
- Where do I want to spend my time this summer? (abroad, home country or online?)
- How much time do I want to spend on an organized experience? Be realistic and plan time to relax and recharge.
- What is my budget?

Once students have a short list of programs to research, then ask:

- Do I meet the admissions criteria and age requirements?
- Is this program financially feasible?
- How long is this program and what are the dates? Does it work with my family schedule?
- What are the strengths/benefits of this program?
- Will I earn college credit?
- Do I need recommendation letters? English Language Proficiency Test?
- What are the deadlines?