



Orange County Schools

Hillsborough, NC

Vendor Inquiries Q and A

2021 Summer Scholars (4th - 8th Grade) Collaborative Project Based Learning (STEM) RFP

Q: What is the schedule for the instruction - is it half day or full day? How many hours of instruction per day in STEM and how many days per week?

1. Are there multiple sessions of students rotating through the program?
2. What is the total number of days for STEM to be offered?
3. What are the days of the summer program? Does the program begin on June 1st, end on July 30th?
4. When are the teachers available for PD sessions prior to the summer program?
5. What is the total number of students to be served per grade level, per school site?
6. What is the total number of underrepresented students to be served per grade level, per school site?
7. What is the total number of teachers to receive PD and coaching per site, per grade level?
8. Will the district recruit/assign and pay the teachers, or does the vendor supply them?
9. Is there a preferred coaching model for teachers already in place in the district?
10. What is the difference between the two programs for 4th-8th? They seem like very similar programs. Are they using different funding? Aimed at a specific student demographic?
 - a. RFP #2021 4th-8th Grade OCS-Collaborative Project Based Learning (STEM)
 - b. RFP #2021 4th-8th Grade OCS-Summer Scholars STEM Program
11. What type of technology is available at the district locations for use with the Summer Scholar programs? Do the sites have access to PC Laptops, Chromebooks, tablets, or some other computer systems? Do the sites have Internet access?

A: 1.) Summer learning is full day 8:00 - 5:00 (Mon - Thurs.) with a child care day also provided on Fridays. However, the STEM portion will take place during afternoon sessions 12:30 - 2:30 and 3:00 - 5:00. We do reserve the right to adjust these times in the afternoon based on need.

2.) Two three week sessions June 14 - July 2 (session 1) and July 12 - July 30 (session 2). Students can attend one or both sessions.

- 3.) 25 days total over both sessions. We are still considering if we will use STEM services on Friday's which will increase this total.
- 4.) Program begins on June 14 but we are seeking onboarding support and PD for our staff prior to the start date which means there is a tentative window prior to June 14th when services can begin.
- 5.) Teachers will be available the week prior to camp starting (June 7th week). Exact dates are to be determined.
- 6.) Surveys have been shared with families and we won't have an exact amount at this time. We are planning to have anywhere from 500 to 4,000 students served so proposals should account for a range of students.
- 7.) See # 6 above...the number of underrepresented students will most likely fall within that range.
- 8.) We currently have 180+ teachers committed to the camp and the survey's have not closed. Of this group, roughly 90 are certified teachers and others are classified staff (i.e. TA's).
- 9.) There is not a specific preferred coaching model at this time but as the RFP notes we are seeking real time coaching, modeling and support before, during and after instruction to build capacity in our teachers
- 10.) There are variations in the descriptions. They are being pulled from various funding sources and one is focusing on underrepresented populations.
- 11.) Students and teachers will have access to chromebooks, iPads (if needed and available), and sites will have internet access.

Q: The RFPs for both 2021 Summer Scholars (4th-8th Grade) Collaborative Project Based Learning (STEM): RFP and 2021 Summer Scholars (4th - 8th Grade) STEM Program RFP.

Is one super ceding the other? They have different due dates, but the asks look similar.

A: There are variations in the descriptions. They are being pulled from various funding sources and one is focusing on underrepresented populations. The 4th-8th STEM RFP is due by May 2nd and the 4th - 8th Collaborative Project Based Learning is due by May 7th