

Sudbury Public Schools

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Explore 2026 Family Communication

Dear SPS Staff and Families,

I am writing today to share an update about 2026 elementary summer programming.

In recognition of community concerns shared with the District and School Committee, Explore 2026 will be offered as a one-year enrichment summer program to provide a half-day or full-day experience for elementary students. Explore 2026 will be similar to the Explore program that complemented SMILE in the past few years. SMILE, the COVID recovery general education remediation program that included the "Ready for K" program, is no longer part of SPS summer programming. Explore 2026 will be open to all SPS students currently in grades K-5 on a first-come, first-served basis to fill the available seats. We are returning to pre-pandemic summer schedules of four days per week for special education Extended School Year (ESY) services, which align with surrounding districts.

Explore 2026 will offer experiences such as art, musical theater, science exploration, math/engineering, indoor/outdoor games, and team-building activities.

EXPLORE 2026 - For Current K-5 Students

Dates: July 6 - 30, 2026, Mondays through Thursdays

Hours: Full Day: 8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. and Half Day: 8:30 - 11:30 a.m.

We anticipate the fee to be similar to last year's Explore Program (half-day \$1100). We will include the fee for the program in the registration once approved by the School Committee.

Students who qualify for ESY and have less than full-day programming will be offered the opportunity to participate in Explore 2026 to make it a half or full-day experience. Tuition will be prorated based on individual services, and services will be able to be accessed during the Explore 2026 hours. ESY/Explore 2026 notifications are anticipated to occur by the end of February.

We will open registration for all students in grades K-5 the week of March 2nd. We will confirm registration for the limited seats by the week of March 23.

Thank you for your partnership.

Sincerely,
Brad Crozier, Superintendent