SummerGATE 2020

SummerGATE 2020 Safety Protocols for Students, Staff, and Families

For 40 years, SummerGATE, San Francisco has provided a quality summer academic and enrichment program for students in grades K-8. In the face of this pandemic crisis, we are 100% committed to providing a carefully modified and safe summer program for our students, staff, and families. Please know that the safety of our staff and students is up to all of us. Thank you for reading these Safety Policies and Procedures in great detail.

Safety Requirements for SummerGATE Families:

Morning Drop-Off Procedure:

• Student drop-offs will occur at the Covenant Presbyterian entrance on Funston St. off Taraval. Look for a banner which reads “SummerGATE Pick-up and Drop-off”. SummerGATE staff will be there to greet your child.

• Students and parents should monitor their own health daily.

• Do not bring your child to SummerGATE if your child develops COVID-like symptoms, i.e., fever, cough, sore throat, body aches, shortness of breath, abdominal pain, general malaise, diarrhea, or nausea/vomiting.

• Do not bring your child to SummerGATE if anyone who lives with your child develops the above symptoms and/or has a confirmed diagnosis of COVID. Please alert us immediately and seek immediate medical attention.

• Students and staff should be without fever and symptom-free in order to return to SummerGATE.

• Students and staff will have their temperatures taken at the time of arrival/drop-off with a no-contact thermometer, while being signed in. After students and staff enter, they will use hand sanitizer or soap and water to wash their hands at the start of each day.

• To minimize potential exposures, we are following the SF Dept of Public Health’s guideline that parents or visitors must not enter the school at the time of drop-off or pick-up. Therefore, after your child has been signed in and their temperature has been taken, we must ask you to safely continue on your way as delays will result in long lines and therefore less safe conditions.

Afternoon Pick-up Procedure

• Pick-up at the regular times of 12:30, 2:10, 3:20 or 4:30 will also take place at the yard entrance on Funston St. off Taraval. Please arrive promptly at your child’s scheduled pick-up time.
• If you plan to pick up your child **early**, please call the SummerGATE phone at: **415-640-3824**. Early or special pick-up will take place at the same location off Funston Street.

**Other Safety Requirements for our Families:**

• Students in grades 2-8 must bring their own masks, and wear their mask at all times, other than during lunch or snack time.
• Students in grades K-2 are certainly encouraged to wear a mask if they are used to it and know how to do so safely, but it will not be required. You may consider trying to start training them now.
• Please send your child with a water bottle, as we will not be using the drinking fountains.
• If your child misses more than 3 consecutive days at SummerGATE, your child will not be allowed to return this year, as per SF DPH guidelines, and there will be no refund.
• Prepare your child for a socially-distanced SummerGATE. Please remind your child that touching, hugging, or any sort of physical contact with friends is unfortunately not allowed this year. Remind your child to keep a safe 6-feet distance from friends and teachers.
• We urge our families to continue making safe choices when your child is not at SummerGATE, in an effort to protect all our students and staff. Please do not participate in large group gatherings or any other activities which are higher risk for exposing you and your child, including protests and marches taking place throughout the Bay Area.
• If your child feels ill during the school day, we will notify you and request a pick-up within 30 minutes.

**What SummerGATE will do to keep Students and Staff SAFE:**

• Students’ and staff’s temperature will be taken upon arrival while being signed in, and once after lunch.
• Hand sanitizing or hand-washing station upon arrival.
• Students will be placed in groups which do not exceed 12.
• Students will remain with the same group throughout the day and use the same room throughout the day (when not outdoors).
• The same teacher(s) will remain with the same group of 12 throughout the day.
• Students will be educated on social distancing within their groups.
• Students will be educated on how to wash hands thoroughly.
• Hand washing for a minimum of 20 seconds will take place routinely throughout the day.
• Students will eat their snack and lunch outdoors in their groups, at staggered times.
• Shared surfaces such as doorknobs and faucet handles will be routinely cleaned.
• Toys and classroom equipment will only be used within the same group of 12 and will be cleaned daily.
• There will be no group gatherings larger than 12.
• When lining up both indoors and outdoors, students will stand on clearly marked X’s, measured at 6 feet distancing.
• Group singing, exercise, or other “heavy breathing” activities will be done outdoors in a socially distanced approach.
• Staff members must follow the same guidelines described above, and will be asked to self-monitoring their health, and have their temperatures taken upon arrival, and after lunch. If any staff develop symptoms during the school day, the staff will be sent home immediately.