

Schools' summer learning program aims to get students back on track

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As the summer season approaches, Randolph County School System is saying goodbye to its graduates and introducing a new summer school opportunity for students K-12.

The summer school program was introduced after Gov. Roy Cooper

signed House Bill 82 into law, a bill that provides academic growth, mental and physical health for students challenged by the pandemic.

Superintendent Stephen Gainey said every school administrator would notify the parents of at-risk students to invite them to participate.

"Parents of students who qualify for the program will make the final

decision as to whether their student participates," Gainey said. "Based on space availability, students not at-risk will be able to attend."

In grades kindergarten through eighth grade, the curriculum will focus on math, reading, and science. Grades nine through 12 will focus on end-of-course subjects, courses with a test from

the state, elective course options, and the credit recovery program.

"We are looking forward to a successful summer school program and helping the students in need due to the stresses of COVID," Gainey said.

The voluntary program will run from June 14 to July 22 in eight elementary schools, three middle schools, and eight

high schools. Lunch and breakfast are provided, along with transportation.

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