

GRANT WOOD AEA COLLEGE FOR KIDS



REGISTRATION GUIDE

JUNE 20-30 AND JULY 10-20, 2023

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The mission of Grant Wood AEA is to ensure success for all learners.
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CONGRATULATIONS!

Dear Parents and Students:

Welcome to Grant Wood AEA's College for Kids Summer Enrichment Program and thank you for selecting us! We are very proud of our 36 years of serving high-ability middle school students through our summer enrichment programs.

College for Kids offers students the opportunity to:

- interact with challenging curriculum
- explore new topics
- select from a wide range of classes
- be immersed in courses and topics of personal interest, and
- interact with others of like ability from other schools and communities.

If you have questions regarding this Registration Guide or the online registration process, please use the contact information below. We look forward to sharing our program with you this summer!

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OUR PROGRAM

WHAT IS COLLEGE FOR KIDS?

Founded in 1987, the College for Kids Summer Enrichment Program is offered to eligible high-ability middle school students who enjoy being academically and/or creatively challenged and who wish to expand on their advanced talents and abilities by taking faster-passed, topic-specific courses in the college setting.

College for Kids:

- is a Grant Wood AEA program and is held at Coe College in Cedar Rapids.
- offers more than 50 courses taught by talented area educators and professionals.
- provides opportunities for inquiry-based learning, independent study, group and individual projects, cooperative learning, and various other hands-on activities.
- is attended by over 900 students each summer, representing schools in our 7-county region.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO ATTEND?

Eligible students have completed 6th, 7th or 8th grade by summer 2023. Eligible students are capable learners who demonstrate the following:

- the ability to work cooperatively to solve problems and apply concepts.
- the ability to exhibit independence, perseverance and flexibility in their work.
- the ability to keep pace with advanced learning opportunities.
- a curiosity in a wide range of interests with the ability to create and invent.

Students nominated for the Academic Strand of the program have been identified for/participated in a gifted education program at School; and/or achieved the required testing criteria on the ISASP, CogAT or NWEA MAP.

Students nominated for the Fine Arts Strand of the program have demonstrated exemplary fine arts ability or performance at school; and/or have enthusiastically participated in school or community-based fine arts programming.

Eligible College for Kids Students may exhibit several of the following traits:

- intellectual curiosity in school-related and/or personal interests
- critical thinking skills (toward concepts and self)
- goal-directed behavior
- high expectations for self and others
- outward empathy, eagerness, and passion (service focused)
- focused and determined behaviors or personality

2023 PROGRAM FORMAT

Summer 2023 will offer two 9-day sessions of College for Kids. Session A begins on Tuesday, June 20, ending on Friday, June 30. Session B begins on Monday, July 10, ending on Thursday, July 20.

During a 9-day session of College for Kids, each student attends 3 classes a day, per their selected class schedule (classes selected at the time of registration). College for Kids courses are offered in the areas of STEM (science, technology, engineering and math), history, fine arts, social sciences, world languages, and more. Classes are 67 minutes in length, and are held in multiple buildings across campus.

Daily class times are 8:30-9:37 a.m., 9:45-10:52 a.m., and 11:00 a.m.-12:07 p.m. Students also have the option to add a daily Early Bird Class, 7:45-8:20 a.m. The average class size for 2023 is expected to be 12-15 students.

The campus is supervised by the College for Kids staff and instructors, as well as the Coe Security Staff.



DATES & TUITION

Dates for the 2023 College for Kids program are June 20-30 (Session A) and July 10-July 20 (Session B). Each session is 9 days in duration with classes held 8:30 a.m.-12:07 p.m. weekdays. An optional Early Bird class is also available for an additional fee. Early Bird classes are held from 7:45-8:20 a.m. daily. College for Kids is held at Coe College in Cedar Rapids, offering students college-level classrooms, science labs and amenities.

DATES & TIMES

DATES	HOURS	TUITION PER SESSION
Session A Tuesday, June 20- Friday, June 30	8:30 a.m.-12:07 p.m.	\$285 per student
Session B Monday, July 10- Thursday, July 20	8:30 a.m.-12:07 p.m.	\$285 per student

TUITION

Tuition per 9-day session of College for Kids is \$285/student.

Tuition includes:

- 3 daily classes (including most class materials)
- program t-shirt



All registered students will receive a College for Kids t-shirt.

OPTIONAL EARLY BIRD CLASS

Extend your College for Kids experience by signing up for an “Early Bird” class! Students signing up for Early Bird will attend a total of four classes each day. Spaces are limited so act quickly! As they say, “the early bird gets the worm!”

The optional Early Bird class fee is an additional \$65/student per 9-day session.

TO REGISTER



**ONLINE REGISTRATION WILL OPEN AT
3:30 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1!**

REGISTRATION FORM: www.gwaea.org/college4kids

Due to the high volume of “registration traffic” received for College for Kids, it is helpful to be prepared prior to March 1. Below is some general guidance for completing the registration form. For a complete step-by-step guide through the screens of the registration system, [click here](#).

LOGIN

Once registration is open, complete the **New User Sign-Up** on the right side of the screen. If you have registered for other student programs through Grant Wood AEA, please use the **Sign In** feature on the left side of the screen to access your previously created account profile. Passwords may be easily reset.

Step 1: People

- Enter/Select the name(s) of the Child(ren) you are registering.

Step 2: Sessions and Options

- Select your preferred College for Kids Session(s) for each child you are registering.
 - Session A = June 20-June 30
 - Session B = July 10-July 20
- Add your selected Session(s) to the Cart.
- Select a 1st, 2nd and 3rd period class for each child you are registering.
 - Optional: Select an Early Bird Class

Step 3: Forms

- Complete the Required Household Form
- Complete the additional required forms for each child you are registering.

Step 4: Payment

Submit online credit card payment. If you need assistance or have questions regarding payment, please contact Susie Green, sgreen@gwaea.org or 319-399-6775.

Step 5: Review

Review and confirm registration and online payment, and submit.

A confirmation email will be sent following receipt of your registration.

PRO TIP

Parents and Students,
It is highly recommended that you have a few alternate class choices jotted down when registering, as some classes will fill up very quickly.

PAYMENT INFORMATION

ACCEPTED PAYMENTS

Payment for College for Kids is accepted at time of registration. We accept Visa, MasterCard and Discover credit cards. If you experience an issue with your payment, you do not have a credit card, or you wish to request financial assistance, contact Susie Green at sgreen@gwaea.org or 319-399-6775.

REFUND/CANCELLATION POLICY

Tuition and materials fees are refundable through May 31, 2023. A \$10 administrative fee will be retained. Cancellations must be requested via email or in writing via U.S. Mail. Cancellations received after May 31 will not be eligible for a refund unless: 1) it is necessitated by an emergency situation, or 2) the space can be filled with a “waiting list” candidate. Students removed from the College for Kids program for violation of student safety and behavior expectations will not receive a refund.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How do I know which nomination my child received?

Your child's nomination information can be found below their name on the postcard received in the mail. If you have any questions, simply contact Susie Green sgreen@gwaea.org or 319-399-6775.

I think my child was only selected for College for Kids because of her high science assessment score. Does this mean she can only register for science classes at College for Kids?

No. Regardless of assessment scores, if a student is nominated for College for Kids in the Academic Strand, they may select any of the classes listed in the Course Catalog at the time of registration.

My child was nominated for College for Kids by his Fine Arts teacher. How will we know which classes he can choose from in the Fine Arts Strand of the program?

All of the classes included in the Fine Arts Strand are noted by an "*" in the course catalog and in the registration system.

How can I request financial assistance?

If you wish to request assistance, please contact Susie Green at sgreen@gwaea.org. You will be provided with further information.

Do you have payment plans available?

If you need a payment plan to handle the cost of tuition, please call Susie Green to register over the phone. 319-399-6775

