



Frequently Asked Questions

ALL PROGRAMS

Summer Academy hours?

Our summer academy hours are 7:30am-4:30pm. Campus will remain open however it will be supervised by our security staff. It's recommended that families make prompt arrangements for pick up, to ensure student safety.

Are laptops required?

Laptops are required for all Advancement, Remediation, and HS Prep courses. Middle School courses that require computer usage are held in our computer labs. If a student brings a laptop to school, we can keep their belongings safe until pick up. Please check them in with the front office.

Is transportation offered during the summer?

We offer shuttle service to and from San Leandro BART in the morning, midday and afternoons (2-3 trips in the afternoon). We will publish exact times later in the spring.

Is there parking on campus?

On campus parking is generally limited. The lower lot, located past the school on Stearns Avenue, will have limited parking available and will be monitored between 8-4. Parking in a permit-regulated space on campus will result in your car being towed. Families are strongly encouraged to carpool whenever possible.

Does AC Transit run regularly?

AC transit does not run their usual school only bus lines in the summer. Please note the AC transit site to find summer routes.

Do you offer financial assistance?

Unfortunately, we can only financially support O'Dowd students during the summer. Incoming or current O'Dowd students seeking financial assistance may contact Nancy McKinnon.

Can I get a refund?

If, prior to the start of class/camp, you choose not to attend for any reason you will be issued a refund of your fees less a \$25 processing fee up until two weeks before program start. After that time, no refunds will be given. *For additional details regarding HS Advancement courses, please see below.*

Classes are subject to cancellation or modification based on enrollment. Full refunds will be issued if an agreeable alternative is not available.

What is the summer dress code?

1. Clothing must be neat and clean with no frayed materials or holes.
2. Shirts, blouses, and dresses must have both sleeves and appropriate necklines with NO bare midriffs.
3. Clothing must be without messages, including those supporting drugs or alcohol or with sexual innuendos.
4. Hats, caps, other type of headgear, and dark glasses are for outdoor use only.
5. Shoes must be safe and provide proper support with a backing and protection.
6. Skirts and dresses should be of appropriate length.
7. Shorts should be of appropriate length and style (no boxers, spandex, or cutoffs).
8. Final decision about dress code violations will be made by the Summer Academy admin and principal. Any student being sent home to remedy a dress code violation will be considered tardy with regards to the Attendance policy.

Anything else I should know?

Additional details regarding our policies are in the Summer Waiver and Code of Conduct that were signed at the time of registration. Bishop O'Dowd has a Zero Tolerance policy. ANY infraction of the rules may result in immediate dismissal from the Summer Academy Program with the understanding that no refund will be issued.

MIDDLE SCHOOL**Is lunch included in the program cost?**

Lunch is included for campers who participate in 3 or more courses/blocks. For campers who are not taking 3 or more courses/blocks, there is a fee of \$60 which can be selected during the registration process.

Can a student miss multiple days?

We ask that campers attend daily, however, we do allow for campers to miss days if needed.

Are session 1 and session 2 repeated courses?

Yes, courses that are offered in both sessions will repeat content.

HIGH SCHOOL PREP**Is lunch included?**

No, lunch is not included in the program cost.

What is a Tech Check Workshop and how do I sign up?

Incoming 9th graders need to confirm that their electronic devices have the needed programs and tools. Students can sign up for a Tech Check Workshop during the registration process.

HIGH SCHOOL ADVANCEMENT

Can a student miss a class?

Classes taken for advancement credit move at a very fast pace. Therefore there is a *zero* absence policy. Excessive tardies or absences will result in an incomplete or failing grade. Refunds will not be issued for failed or incomplete classes.

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For advancement courses, students have one week to drop the course for a partial (50%) refund and two weeks to drop the course with no refund. Please note that the course grade will still be reflected on student transcript if the course is dropped after the two week period.

REMEDATION

Can a student miss a class?

For classes taken for remediation and required course credit, more than **two** absences will result in zero credit for the course. Please remember that if you fail a required class you will not be able to attend O'Dowd in the fall. Refunds will not be issued for failed or incomplete classes.

Please contact summeracademy@bishopodowd.org for any additional questions.