**PLAN AND/OR APPLICATION FOR THE WAIVER TO THE PUBLIC**

Rutherford Winans Academy

School year this waiver will begin 2022-2023

1. Summer Learning Program is offered to all students, free of charge, that shortens your summer break to six weeks or fewer.
2. Our summer learning program has been advertised to all students and parents by staff making phone calls, sending letters home to parents, school postings, in person, emails, and school messages through our Student Information System.
3. The 4-week summer program shortens the summer break to six weeks or fewer.
4. Students will have access to targeted instruction in a 1:15 teacher ratio; intervention and acceleration programs both in school and at home using the following programs: IXL which is our MATH and ELA intervention tool fully aligned to students NWEA scores. Students are able to work specifically on their individual needs via learning plans developed in IXL. Exact Path also a self-paced intervention tool that gives students specialized instruction in MATH and ELA. RAZ Kids provides students with access to reading resources, read allows, and guided reading opportunities.

**Goals for the Summer Learning Program:**

Goal # 1 To embed into the summer learning targets for all students to work on their individualized learning plans one-on-one and small groups  
  
Goal # 2 To close learning gaps that historically poses challenges to our students and hinders their ability to learn greater concepts.  
  
Goal # 3 Build confidence in our students with small classroom instruction and intervention, that they can achieve a level of success on.

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| **Kindergarten:** Numbers identification, Counting, and cardinality; base ten; letter identification; phonological awareness and writing. | **1st Grade:** place value, addition, subtraction; active reading strategies, reading fluency reading, comprehension, and writing. | **2nd Grade:** Subtraction, place value, multiplication, active reading strategies, writing, and word work. |
| **3rd Grade:** subtraction, multiplication, division, active reading, working with text-dependent questions, and writing | **4th -5th Grade:** multiplication, division, fractions, active reading with text-dependent questioning and writing. | **6th-8th Grade:** multiplication, division, percentages, word problems, active reading with text-dependent questions, extrapolating information from text, and writing. |

**The measures the district will use to gauge whether or not the goals and objectives are being met are as follow:**

As a data-driven district and will use MAP Reading fluency and progress monitoring tools, NWEA diagnostics, IXL, RAZ Kidz, and Exact Path. In addition, teachers will closely monitor and adjust learning outcomes based on the rate of growth and student mastery of standards. Their progress will be monitored from the beginning of school and throughout the school year to ensure goals have been successfully met.

**The approval of the waiver will assist the district in efforts to mitigate the summer learning loss that students often experience.**

Having students in summer learning will enable us to address very specific areas of unfinished learning in students who are 3 or more grade levels behind in their current grade due to the pandemic. Without additional learning opportunities during the summer, the learning gap would widen due to inactivity of learners. This waiver will give our students an advantage by continuing their learning immediately at the end of the school year and ending the summer with a 30-day learning action plan to work on at home with full access to all intervention programs as well.

Though surrounding school districts have been approved for the waiver including DPSCD, this is not an ISD-wide application.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**The district will have a public hearing according to the Open Meetings Act, Act 267 of 1976.**

**Rutherford Winans Academy**

August 3, 2022 10:00 AM

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