

2017 Mercer Education Summer Camp FAQ's

For Camps only (for Private and Group Classes, see [ME Summer Classes FAQ's](#))

Detailed Information – Mercer Education (ME) has offered a variety of summer camps since 2004. Detailed information is available on our website via the “Summer Programs” link on the bottom of our homepage.

Two 4-Week Sessions – ME’s camps are four weeks long, and there are two sessions when students can attend. There may be accommodations for students who cannot attend the entire four weeks, and we welcome inquiries.

Third Camp Session – Depending upon interest, we often hold a “Session 3” for various SAT camps, dates TBD (likely starting on Monday, 8/7 this year). Please be in touch if you are interested in being on a waitlist for such an option.

Small Classes, Students Grouped by Level – ME’s SAT and ACT camps consist of multiple classes limited to 8 students each, and students are grouped according to their levels determined by assessments we have conducted prior to the camp. There are typically multiple groups of students at different levels in each camp session, though ACT camp options are more limited. *Learning Camp* is limited to 6 students per group and fills up quickly. The *College Admissions Prep Camp* is limited to six students **total** and fills up well in advance. Consider applying early if you can; historically, all programs have filled up.

SAT & ACT Camp Partial Enrollment– Students who wish to attend **just half** of ME’s [SAT/College Prep Camp](#) or [ACT/College Prep Camp](#) (just verbal or just math or math/science) may indicate so by clearly writing “Verbal only” or “Math only” as well as schedule preferences (“AM” or “PM”, i.e., 9:30am-12pm vs. 12:30-3pm) on page 1 of the application. However, ME requires scheduling flexibility in order to group students effectively according to their respective levels and cannot make firm guarantees in advance regarding schedules or availability of this option. Students enrolled for just half of the program will be invoiced at just half (50%) of the tuition rate of those attending the full program and will be informed of their class schedules in the week prior to the commencement of the camps.

Learning Camp Partial Enrollment– The *Learning Camp* program is smaller overall than ME’s SAT programs, typically with just one group each of students entering 3rd/4th grade, 5th/6th grade, and 7th/8th grade, and enrollment is capped at 6 students per group and therefore fills up early. Students who wish to attend just half of ME’s Learning Camp (i.e., just LA or just Math/Robotics) or for fewer than four weeks may be able to do so depending upon the circumstances. Those wishing to attend on this kind of non-standard basis will need to remain on a waiting list, and their enrollment can be finalized only in the last few days leading up to the start of ME’s camps. Those students should submit applications and stay in touch.

Lunch – Students attending ME’s daily SAT and ACT camps and ME’s daily Learning Camp should bring a brown-bag lunch to school each day. There is no access to refrigerators or microwaves, so please plan accordingly.

Food Allergies & Other Health-related Concerns – Parents need to clearly inform ME at the time they submit applications if their children have food allergies or other health issues which may have a bearing upon their safety and/or ability to participate in ME’s programs. This is especially important in the case of younger children participating in the *Learning Camp*, and parents should communicate directly with students’ teachers, too. *Learning Camp* students are provided with snacks midmorning, and all parties must be informed if a student has dietary restrictions or related issues.

Homework – High school students enrolled in ME’s SAT, ACT, and *College Admissions Prep* camps will have homework assigned and should budget several hours per night (typically 3-4 for SAT and ACT) outside of class. *Learning Camp* assignments are much more modest and somewhat flexible but will also entail some out-of-class reading and writing.

Going Off Site for Lunch – ME’s daily SAT and ACT camp students may not leave ME’s facility to purchase lunch offsite unless ME has first received a signed letter of permission from their parents, and ME takes no responsibility for students who have left its facility. *Learning Camp* students may not go off site for lunch.

Independence Day – Mercer Education is closed for Independence Day. We observe the holiday on the actual day – July 4th – and do not schedule classes on that day. When July 4th falls on a weekend, Mercer Education will NOT be closed on a Friday or Monday but instead will conduct classes Monday through Friday without interruption.

Tuition Due Date & Additional Costs – Tuition is due in full (cash or check only) one week prior to the first day of the camp session in which the student is enrolled (50% up front to reserve a space in the camp and the remainder one week prior to the first day of classes). The cost of textbooks and materials is not included in the listed tuition costs and will be included on each student’s invoice. Learning Camp students will be invoiced separately for math books.

Parking and Pick Up – Parents need to pick up students on time. If they cannot do so, they should contact the school to discuss special requests. Also, please remember to drive slowly and safely and be patient; the parking lots here are tight. Note: Other than drop-off and pick-up, parking in our lot is strictly *first come, first serve* and not guaranteed, and parking is *not available* in our neighbors’ lots. Contact us if you have questions.

Limited Spaces – Again, enrollment in Mercer Education summer camps is very limited, and these programs tend to fill up, so submit your application as early as possible in order to maximize your chance of securing a space.