

2020 Mercer Education Summer Classes FAQ's

For July/Aug Session *Private and Group Classes* (for camp info, see [ME Summer Camp FAQ's](#))

Distance Learning for All Classes – For everyone's safety, our summer classes this year will be held remotely via Zoom video conferencing software, not in person. Mercer Education transitioned to distance learning in March 2020, and all our classes have been held remotely since then. Although this teaching mode was new and required some adjustments, we have confirmed that we can still deliver an effective and positive experience. We are watching the situation closely and look forward to seeing our families in person again eventually. However, for now, until there is a vaccine available to all and/or there is consensus with our staff and clients that "the coast is clear," we anticipate a continuation of the current "distance learning" mode, at least through the end of the summer of 2020.

When does the May/June session end? Our 2020 May/June session ends on Sunday, June 21, after which Mercer Education has no scheduled classes for one week as we gear up for the start of our summer camps.

When do ME's camps start? ME's 2020 *camps* begin on Monday, 6/29, but there are no weekly private or group classes until Wed, 7/1 at the earliest.

Do non-camp schedules stay the same in the summer? ME's July/August schedule is different from that during the school year, and we do require students to fill out an application if they want to continue attending.

When do non-camp classes start? Our July/August session for private and weekly 2-hour group classes (SAT, ACT, and LA) begins on Wednesday, 7/1 and runs through Saturday, 8/22.

Which application should I use? Use ME's [Summer Classes Application](#) to apply for private and group classes.

What are ME's hours during the summer? During the summer Mercer Education is open between 9am and 6pm Monday-Friday and 9am-5pm on Saturdays but closed on Sundays.

When does ME do summer scheduling? We will be working on the schedule for weekly private and group classes in late June through the end of the month. Spaces are limited, so please submit applications as early as possible to increase the likelihood we can arrange classes for you. Also, be sure to list as much availability as possible to increase the chances of scheduling a class at a time that works for you.

When will I know my schedule? We will contact you with a schedule proposal, most likely at the very end of June. We may not have all schedules determined prior to 7/1 but will let you know ASAP.

Course Materials Pick Up – In general, parents/students will need to come to our office to get the course materials prior to the start of classes. We will coordinate for a safe, socially distanced handoff of materials – "curbside pickup" – so that you do not even need to enter the building. In some cases, books may be purchased through Amazon or other sources, but in many cases the materials (e.g., binders of course materials and the grammar book which we wrote and use in our weekly SAT and ACT group classes) are not available elsewhere. We will contact all enrollees to coordinate the handoff.

What if I cannot attend every week? If students clearly inform ME on their *Summer Classes Application* that they will have to miss classes on certain dates (e.g., "blacking out" some time in July or August because of vacations or schedule conflicts), ME will not charge for classes that would have occurred on those dates. See page 2 of the application for details.

How does ME determine schedules? Scheduling is based on student and teacher availability and our determination as to who will work well together. (There is a place on the application to request specific instructors.) Priority is given to students requesting regularly occurring, predictable class times, and we may have trouble accommodating very complicated requests punctuated by frequent absences.

Does ME offer weekly group classes in the summer? Group class options are somewhat limited in the summer because so many students attend our camps, but we typically have several group classes (SAT verbal, SAT math, ACT verbal, ACT math, and Language Arts) for students who cannot attend the camps.

When does ME hold weekly group classes? Because ME fills up most of its classrooms and schedules most of its teachers with camp students from 9am-2:30pm, group and private classes are typically held on weekdays after 2:30pm or on Saturdays, though there typically are some exceptions.

When does the July/August session end? ME's 2020 July/August session for private and group classes ends on Saturday, 8/22 after which we are closed until Saturday, September 12, which is the start of our 2020-21 school-year schedule.

Can I take classes when the school is closed? There may be a few instructors willing to work with students while we are on break from August 23 through September 11. Please let us know if you are interested.