

2021 Mercer Education Summer Classes FAQs

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

Distance Learning for All Classes – For everyone’s safety, our summer classes this year will continue to be held remotely via Zoom video software, not in person. Mercer Education transitioned to distance learning in March 2020, and all our classes have been held remotely since then. While slightly different from in-person classes (and in some respects more convenient), remote learning has proven to be an effective and positive experience. We are watching the situation closely and look forward to seeing our families in person again eventually. For now, though, 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 2021.

When does the May/June session end? Our 2021 May/June session ends on Sunday, June 20, after which Mercer Education has no scheduled classes for one week as we gear up for the start of our summer programs.

When do ME’s camps start? ME’s 2021 *camps* begin on Monday, 6/28, but there are no weekly private or group classes until Wed, 6/30 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, 6/30 and runs through Saturday, 8/21.

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” (with classes held remotely via Zoom) 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 summer 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 will contact you with a schedule proposal as early as we can.

Course Materials Pick Up – In general, parents/students need to come to our office to get course materials prior to the start of classes, though we work to coordinate with families that live outside the area. 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 some cases the materials are not available elsewhere. We will contact all enrollees to coordinate.

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 summer classes 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 (e.g., SAT verbal, SAT math, and Language Arts) for students who cannot attend the camps.

When does ME hold weekly group and private classes? In the summer, group and private classes are mostly held on weekdays after 2:30pm or on Saturdays between 9am-5pm, though there typically are some exceptions. Indicate your preferences and as much availability as possible on the application, and we will try to accommodate your scheduling request.

When does the July/August session end? ME’s 2021 July/August session for private and group classes ends on Saturday, 8/21 after which we are closed until Saturday, September 11, which is the start of our 2021-22 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 22 through September 10. Please let us know if you are interested.