



PETERSBURG PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Administrative
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Community Builder's Hub Summer Experience for 8th Grade Students June 2nd - June 6th

School Board Meeting

May 21, 2025

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Community Builder's Hub Summer Experience for 8th Graders

Agenda

- Purpose of the Builder's Hub Summer Experience
- Summer Learning Outcomes
- Student Selection Process
- Summer Staffing Experience & Budget
- Summer Itinerary Highlights & Daily Schedule
- Transforming Outcomes for Students
- Experience Information and Marketing for Additional Slots
- Collaboration Across the Division



Purpose of the Builder's Hub Summer Experience



As directed by Community Builders legislation and grant requirements, The Builder's Hub operates as both an afterschool and summer program designed to expose 30-35 8th graders to:

- Social Emotional Development
- Career Readiness & Exploration
- Post-Secondary Preparation
- Workforce Development

The purpose of the program is to reduce the behaviors that lead to gun violence through the exposure to various educational experiences.

Many of the Community Builders areas of focus align with current Division goals.

Summer Experience Learning Outcomes

Social Emotional Readiness

1. Students will identify and manage their emotions in healthy, constructive ways to enhance self-awareness, self-regulation, and a strong sense of identity.
2. Students will demonstrate empathy and respect for others through active listening, positive peer interactions, and reflection on personal values and strengths.

Career Readiness & Exploration

3. Explore and set goals aligned with a range of career pathways by engaging in hands-on activities, guest speaker sessions, and site visits.

Post-Secondary Preparation

4. Students will explore and set goals aligned with a variety of post-secondary pathways, including college, trade schools, apprenticeships, and military options.

Learning Outcomes

Workforce Development

5. Students will demonstrate professionalism, accountability, and effective collaboration by participating in team-based projects that simulate real-world problem solving and workplace dynamics.

Gun Violence Prevention & Resilience Building

6. Students will recognize risk factors for gun violence in themselves and their communities and identify strategies to reduce involvement in high-risk behaviors.

7. Students will strengthen personal protective factors and articulate how education, career planning, and emotional well-being serve as positive alternatives to violence.

Student Selection Process

- Students were selected based on interest from current program participants (since they did not have an initial summer experience). This group was selected in collaboration with the VJMS School Counselor and members of the teaching/building staff.
- The summer experience will also be marketed to parents of current 7th graders (rising 8th grade students).

Staffing for Summer Experience



The Summer Experience will be staffed by the Family Engagement Team.

- Dr. Brandie Lee, Coordinator
Community and Family Engagement
- Christal McDaniel, Family Engagement
Specialist
- Anthony Allen, Family Engagement
Specialist

Summer Budget

Category	Details	Cost
Food	\$600/day × 4 days	\$2,400
Transportation	Bus driver: \$30/hr × 6.5 hrs/day + \$50/day fuel × 4 days	\$980
Snacks	\$125/day × 4 days	\$500
Materials & Supplies	Art supplies (\$150), SEL games/board games (\$150), cleaning supplies (\$50), Haus Market Experience: \$50/hr × 5.5 hrs = \$275	\$625
Haus Market Experience	Included above under Materials & Supplies	–
Special Costs (One-Time)	T-shirts: \$30 × 30 = \$900	\$6400
	529 College Plan: \$75 × 30 = \$2,250	
	Fine dining \$100 per student @ 30 students equals \$3000	
	Prizes: 5 × \$50 = \$250	
TOTAL COST		\$10,905

Summer Itinerary Highlights

- Richard Bland College Tour
- Haus on Market
- BrightPoint Workforce Development Tour
- VSU Admissions
- Visit to Fort Gregg-Adams
- Visit to Hotel Petersburg



HAUS ON MARKET



Transforming Outcomes for Students

Monday June 2, 2025 College Preparedness <i>(Enrolled)</i>	Tuesday June 3, 2025 Military Career Goals <i>(Enlisted)</i>	Wednesday June 4, 2025 Workforce Development <i>(Employed)</i>	Thursday June 5, 2025 SEL Day <i>(Entrepreneur)</i>
Students will be exposed to the various STEM, and AI opportunities offered to them as future ready leaders. Students will get practical hands-on application of technological advancement and advanced communication platforms to enhance their understanding of STEM and AI careers. Students will learn about free college courses and programs offered to them and their family members.	After spending some time with military recruiters at F.E.U., it was apparent that our students wanted more information about the process of joining the military. The military has now become very selective during their process. It is important for our students to know what leadership profile and personal character traits that the military is looking for to expand access to the various career fields in the military.	Students will have the opportunity to explore opportunities with local partnering colleges. Brightpoint offers programs that fit our students personal profiles such as the G3 program. Brightpoint is known to offer student support services for mental and emotional support. Brightpoint is committed to workforce ready skills. There is no doubt that this opportunity will benefit our students!	The Haus of Market is a locally owned and operated space centered around Arts, Culture, Health, and Wellness. During this trip, the students will learn how to infuse their personal culture into artwork for the purpose of expressing themselves. From a social emotional learning standpoint, our students will be equipped with tools to express themselves in a safe space.

Collaborative Efforts Across the Division

Summer School Cross-Referencing

- With the support of Ms. Lowery and Mr. Harris, we have submitted a list of interested students for cross-referencing to ensure that this experience does not impact summer school attendance.



Collaboration with the VJMS Administrative Team

- We have worked with this team to secure a classroom space for the Builder's Hub Program.
- This space will be used before/after/in between trips and to host guest speakers.



Achieving Program Outcomes

- To ensure program outcomes, are met, we have collaborated with various departments across the division.



Marketing Efforts

- We will work with the Communications Team to get our revised flyers sent out via Social Media and ParentSquare.



Transportation Coordination

- Our team has coordinated with the PCPS Transportation Department to ensure that a bus/driver are available to support this program without any negative impact on summer school needs.

Next Steps



- Working closely with the Communications team to edit and share camp information with families and partners.
- Continue recruitment strategy to increase student participation.



Questions?