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Dear Parents/Guardians and Students:

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to the Thomas Jefferson High School Summer School academic session. Thomas Jefferson looks forward to providing students with this enriching educational experience. Since the summer academic session is a program sponsored and provided by the school, all school policies and regulations are applicable to students enrolled in classes. You are receiving this mailing because your student has been identified as someone who may need to make up one or more classes from the 2010-2011 school year. We have included a copy of your student's transcript to help you decide if summer school is needed to help your student to graduate on time. Any core class (math, science, English, social studies) that your student earned an F in and has not made up, is a class that should be considered for summer school.

Student Conduct

TJ summer staff will be following district policies regarding student behavior, but the traditional behavior interventions are not as available as they would be during the regular school year. If a student is acting inappropriately and is not easily redirected the consequence will be permanent dismissal.

Student Attendance

Attendance is a critical component of success in summer school; however, all of the course materials are available online and while TJ will have expectations that students will attend regularly, every day attendance will be predicated on how well students are keeping up with the pacing guide that they receive from the instructor. Students who do not keep up with the pacing guidelines and do not attend will be dismissed from the class without reimbursement of the class fee.

Closed Campus

Due to an extensive amount of construction at Thomas Jefferson this summer, access to the building will be severely limited. Students will have to stay in designated areas as contractors cannot be expected to modify the work they are doing to accommodate students. If a student is found in a restricted area he/she will be dismissed from the summer school without reimbursement of the class fee. This is a safety issue, so there will be no exceptions.

Summer School Course Selection

Summer school classes are semester-long classes compressed into a one-month time period. All classes are taught through APEX, which is an online curriculum. Grades for classes are based on completion of the curriculum at the 80% level or higher. Students will need counselor approval to take a class. A student can complete two classes during the summer session but can only enroll in the second class after completing the first class. Final grades will be provided to the records office at Thomas Jefferson by the summer school teacher upon successful completion of the class.

Again, on behalf of Thomas Jefferson High School, I welcome your participation in the upcoming summer session and thank you in advance for your support and cooperation in making this a meaningful and productive learning environment for all students. If you have any questions regarding any of the above policies, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Scott J. Lessard
Assistant Principal
Thomas Jefferson High School