

Paul VI Summer Studies Program 2009 Information for Repeating a Course

Mission Statement: The Summer Studies Program exists to:

- Facilitate the return of the PVI student.
- Offer a second chance for those in the community who were unsuccessful, for whatever reason, during the normal school year.
- Supply the skills needed for advancement in a sequential discipline.
- Provide enhancement skills to help students succeed in school.

Repeating a Course with a “D” or “F” Grade

According to the Handbook:

Any student who fails any course must repeat that course in an approved summer program before returning for the next academic year. The program must be either the one at Paul VI or one pre-approved by Mr. Opfer, Academic Dean. There are no exceptions. Any student who fails three courses is not eligible to return to Paul VI.

Students Retaking a Course with a “F” Grade:

The original “F” remains on the student’s transcript. The summer school grade is added as an additional class without hour credits.

Students Retaking a Course with a “D” Grade:

Summer studies for a student may be recommended by a teacher or a parent because students with a “D” grade may lack the necessary skills to continue successfully in a specific discipline such as math or language. However, the “D” remains on the transcript. The summer school grade is added as an additional class without hour credits.

(Students may not repeat courses for which they received grades of C or better.)

Particular Information for Seniors:

Any senior who fails three or more courses is unable to receive a PVI diploma. Any senior who fails any course must repeat that course in an approved summer program. The program must be either the one at Paul VI or one pre-approved by Mr. Opfer, Academic Dean. Seniors, and only seniors, who fail an elective *may* be allowed to complete an independent study, with Mr. Opfer’s prior approval. Students taking an independent study must register for the PVI Summer Studies Program and pay the appropriate fee.

All students wishing to take a course at another school:

Permission must be obtained from the Academic Dean **prior** to registration in any school or summer school program. Acceptance of credits will not be guaranteed without prior permission to register. A copy of the curriculum may also be needed. Online or correspondence courses from accredited institutions may also be an option. Again, permission is needed from Mr. Opfer.

Attendance policy for students repeating a course:

Attendance is necessary to successfully complete an academic course. Any absence should be cleared with the teacher in advance so that work can be assigned and, if necessary, arrangements can be made to make up the missed hours. All assignments for missed classes must be completed.

Students repeating a year long course may have no more than two excused absences. If a student accumulates more than two absences, the classroom time must be made up at a cost of

\$25 per missed hour to eliminate the third and/or fourth absences in order to receive credit for the course. If a student misses five class sessions for any reason, no credit or makeup sessions will be allowed and no refund will be issued. *Students repeating a semester long course* may only have one excused absence, and only one additional absence may be made up. For semester courses, a third unexcused absence will result in no refund and no credit. All course work must be completed by July 30.

Dress Code:

Students must be appropriately dressed at all times while attending Paul VI Catholic High School. The Paul VI handbook states the following concerning “dress down” attire: “Attire can be more relaxed, but must demonstrate modest appearance at all times.” It further explains that students may NOT wear: sleepwear; clothing that leaves midriffs bare; tank tops; muscle shirts; undershirts as outerwear; spaghetti straps or strapless tops or dresses; inappropriately short shorts, skirts or dresses; inappropriately low cut tops or pants; unreasonably tight clothing; or clothing with inappropriate sayings or pictures. Tattoos or body piercing (other than girls’ ears) may not be visible. Jewelry needs to be appropriate. Male students may not wear earrings. Parents will be called to bring a change of clothing for a student who comes to school inappropriately dressed. Failure to comply with these guidelines will result in a student being required to wear the Paul VI uniform to summer studies classes.

Cell Phones:

From the time a student enters the building, until he or she leaves the building, any cell phone or other electronic messaging device MUST be turned off and stored out of sight, such as in a back pack or purse. If a student is found using such a device in the building, anywhere at any time, it will be taken from him or her for the remainder of that day. A second offense will result in the school keeping the device for one week.

In case of an emergency, a student may use a phone in the office.

Students are responsible for their own belongings while attending summer school classes.

Important Information:

- **Register from 9:00 a.m. until noon on June 16, 17, and 18 at the school.**
- **Classes will take place between June 22 and July 30.**
- **Classes will not meet on Fridays.**
- **Cost: \$350 per semester course and \$650 per full-year course. Independent studies cost slightly more.**

For more information, contact Mrs. Battle, Summer Studies Program Director, at lbattle@paulvi.net or (703) 352-0925, extension 413.

Schedules for remedial classes are determined after final grades have been issued to ensure proper enrollment. Final grades will not be available until June 9th. The Summer Studies Program attempts to provide every course needed for the return of the PVI student per the guidelines established in the handbook. PVI is committed to helping our families; however, our desire may not match reality, and sometimes teacher availability limits what can be offered in the summer.