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CITES ADVANTAGES OF N. T. SUMMER SESSION

Wesley L. Brown, Summer School Principal, Points Out Many Opportunities

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The opportunity to make up credits and points enough to enable a delinquent student to go on with his class and the opportunity to review subjects in which a student is weak and earn extra quality credits are the outstanding advantages offered by the New Trier High school summer school to the high school students of New Trier township.

The preliminary registration for the summer school is now in progress. All students under twenty-one living in the township who have graduated from an accredited eighth grade are eligible. Summer school this year will extend from June 21 to August 13, a period of eight weeks. Since the classes meet for double periods students may earn a semester's credit in each of the two subjects which they are permitted to take. Inasmuch as the work is done in the morning during the cool part of the day, the summer program is not particularly difficult.

Movement Popular

Over 500 students are expected to enroll. It is interesting to note that the summer school movement is spreading throughout the United States. The attendance at summer high schools in Chicago has increased several hundred per cent in the last six years. Indeed some school superintendents believe that in the future many schools will run throughout the year offering students the opportunity to complete their work in a shorter length of time. The old reason for a long summer vacation was to permit students to work on the farms in the summer time. In large cities of course this reason no longer exists.

Some of the advantages of New Trier summer session are as follows: In the first place, students who are a few credits or points short of the

required number for their next grade may attend summer school and earn enough credits or points to permit them to go on with their class. Few students like to drop behind their class, and it is expected many such students will be in summer school.

Chance for Review

Secondly, students who have passed subjects with a low grade may review the subjects in summer school and will receive extra quality credit for those subjects if they improve their grades. Thus a student whose grade was D will receive 2 1-2, 5 or 7 1-2 extra quality credits depending on whether his grade when he reviews the subject is C, B, or A. This opportunity is particularly attractive to students preparing for college, inasmuch as subjects passed with a D grade are not very satisfactory when offered for college entrance and are not usually considered a good preparation for succeeding courses in that subject.

In the third place summer school credit is an insurance against failure and sickness. Many students who are not now behind their classes will take summer school in order to provide against possible failure in the future or the possibility that they may have to drop one or two subjects some semester due to sickness. Many of the better students will attend summer school in order to get ahead faster and graduate ahead of their class. Others too have found that their courses do not include some of the subjects which they would like to take. Since their requirements are such that they cannot take these subjects during the regular school year, they plan to take them in summer school. They also may take their required subjects in summer school and take these extra subjects in the place in their course thus provided during the regular school year.

Mix Work and Play

A summer vacation with nothing to do grows rather tiresome after a few weeks. Consequently some students plan to include summer work in the mornings with a program of recreation or work in the afternoons to keep themselves occupied during the summer.

The mental effort required for one or two courses in summer school is enough to keep one mentally alert and in better condition mentally for the fall work.

Students who graduate from the eighth grade will attend the summer school in large numbers because they feel that it offers them the opportunity to become acquainted with the high school under very favorable conditions and that such attendance will prevent them from having that lost feeling that so many freshmen have when they enter in the fall.

With so many reasons for attending summer school and with so large a group considering attending summer school it is expected that the enrollment for 1926 will establish a record for summer school enrollment at New Trier.

Program for Freshmen

Summer school work for eighth grade graduates has the following major advantages:

First: It enables them to become acquainted with high school under conditions that are especially favorable. Classes are small, and meet during the coolest part of the day—members of the regular faculty are in charge—and the school has only about 500 members instead of 1400. Freshmen who have attended summer school have "learned the ropes" and can get directly at their work in the fall without a preliminary period of readjustment.

Second: Students can accumulate advanced credit. In the case of misfortune such as long sickness or unexpected failure, the credit earned in summer school may enable the student to go on with his class, instead of having to drop back.

Third: Students may take extra electives in summer school along with the line of their special interests, which are not included in their regular course, or they may take in summer school some

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