

CRCA Summer Bridge Planning Timeline

All CRCA staff are involved in Summer Bridge, including the EDUC 1300 instructor (CRCA Teacher). Each staff member is required to participate in the planning and execution of at least one station.

Summer Bridge is different from TSI camp. The purpose of Summer Bridge at CRCA is to create the foundation for a cohesive class. We draw from two different feeder patterns.

The basic logistics:

- 1. Monday through Thursday, 8:00 to noon*
- 2. We serve breakfast and lunch.*
- 3. Transportation is provided using the summer school buses.*
- 4. Always held during the second and third week of June.*
- 5. The two Wednesdays during SB are spent at ACC @ Elgin.*
- 6. Upper classmen participate as teacher aides and coaches.*
- 7. We do no TSI testing during Summer Bridge.*

The calendar of planning:

Late March –

- 1. Review the calendar of activities from the previous year*
 - a. What worked, what didn't*
 - b. Changes are made*
- 2. New teachers are folded into the calendar of activities*
- 3. Calendar for the new year is set by mid-April. Most of the work is done in a google doc.*

Mid-April –

- 1. CRCA holds an acceptance night for the rising 9th graders.*
- 2. Summer Bridge dates, times and transportation information is shared with the rising 9th graders and parents.*

Last Teacher Day of the year –

- 1. Activities (Stations) calendar/schedule is finalized during our end of the year design team meeting.*
- 2. Buses are reserved for the two Wednesdays to ACC @ Elgin.*

First week of June –

- 1. Teachers assemble all of the necessary items for their stations.*

2. *Counselor contacts each of the rising 9th graders to remind them of Summer Bridge dates and times....follow up is made with a phone blast on the Friday of the first week of June.*

CRCA TSI Camp

Last year was the first year CRCA held a TSI testing camp. We plan to hold one from here on out. CRCA held only a reading/writing TSI camp in 2017. Next year we will include math.

Only the ELA and Math teachers are involved in TSI camp. Logistics:

1. *Monday through Friday, 8:00 to noon (or later on the testing days)*
2. *Students provide their own transportation.*
3. *Held the first full week of August.*
4. *Teachers use their own classrooms for test prep.*
5. *Test prep runs Monday through Wednesday.*
6. *Writing test – Thursday*
7. *Reading test – Friday*
8. *Students who meet the cut on both tests are scheduled directly into creative writing instead of the ELA TSI test prep class.*

Other Considerations:

1. **We don't run a separate budget for Summer Bridge or TSI camp. My teachers have ten extra days added to their contract and these ten days are used for our summer events.**
2. **I don't spend money on TSI prep materials or Summer Bridge activities. We use what we have on hand.**