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Worried that your child’s mind will take a vacation this summer? Never fear! The Lab School of Washington understands how important it is for young learners to maintain the skills they’ve acquired in order to progress in the year ahead. We’ve designed a challenging summer program that develops academic readiness … without neglecting the “fun factor.”

Join The Lab School of Washington for our 57th summer session.
The Difference is Extraordinary!

The Lab School of Washington is one of a kind; no other school does exactly what we do as well as we do it! For 57 years, The Lab School has been providing an exceptional academic experience for students (grades 1–12) with learning differences and ADHD. The first school of its type in the nation, The Lab School enjoys a worldwide reputation for transforming lives and guiding students on the path toward success.

For students with dyslexia, ADHD, and other language-based learning differences, art can be the gateway to learning. Our innovative arts-centered curriculum is experiential and multi-sensory, helping young people overcome difficulties with reading, spelling, writing, and math, while preparing them for a range of rewarding college and career choices.

Our Summer Program is a great way for your child to experience what makes the Lab approach to learning so effective … while having fun at the same time!

Mission Statement

The Lab School of Washington is an innovative learning community fostering scholarship and creativity in students with language-based learning differences. In an environment of inquiry and hands-on exploration, Lab School students learn to advocate for themselves as they become engaged and compassionate members of a global society.
Summer is the time for fun! It’s also the time when academic skills can slip, making it difficult for students to maintain the progress they have worked so hard to achieve. The Lab School’s summer programs are designed to help students discover their strengths, exercise their creativity, tackle academic challenges, and prepare for the school year ahead. **Lab’s programs offer options for enrichment as well as for filling in gaps in learning.** Our four-week program is brimming with imagination, excitement, and innovative teaching to help students understand their needs, address their weaknesses, build confidence, and develop techniques for becoming independent learners.

- Summer programs for students in 1st through 12th grades
- In-person and virtual options
- All Speech, Language, & Literacy, Occupational Therapy, and Psychological Services are offered through The Reservoir Group at The Lab School. Sessions may be covered by insurance. Please call for details (202-349-8640)
- Small-group intensive daily reading instruction in Lower School program
- Air-conditioned classrooms
- Convenient location in northwest Washington, DC
- All classes are subject to sufficient enrollment

For more information please contact Nakia Hackett, Admissions Associate, summer@labschool.org.
New and Returning Students (NOT currently attending The Lab School of Washington):

Please submit an application via CampBrain. Once your application and $100 application fee have been submitted, you will need to upload the following documents to complete the application for review:

- Psycho-educational testing report completed within the past 2 years (for returning students previously submitted testing may be used).
- Teacher Evaluation of Student Strengths and Needs – These forms are downloaded by the parent and sent to two different teachers. Completed forms must be submitted directly to Lab by the teachers.
- Most recent reports or evaluations by Occupational Therapists, Physical Therapists, or Speech-Language Pathologists (if applicable).
- Most recent school progress report/report card
- Current IEP (if applicable).

*Once all required items are received, the committee will review your application and contact you regarding next steps. A visit may be required for new students as part of the application process. Please note: the entire application process can take up to three weeks for new students.

OR

Current Lab students:

Please submit an application via CampBrain. No application fee nor supporting documentation is required. Once we have processed your application, you will receive an invoice.

If you have applied to The Lab School or are in the process of applying for the 2024–2025 school year:

Please contact summer@labschool.org to review what forms you need to submit for the Summer Session. You will still need to complete the online application via CampBrain and submit the Summer Teacher Evaluation Forms for the Summer Session, but you will not need to submit another application fee.
**On-Campus Lower School Morning Program**

8:30am – 1:30pm

**Monday–Friday**

**IN-PERSON**

Tuition: $3,700 for completed contracts and full payment received by March 15, $4,050 after March 15, $4,675 after May 31

*Students should bring a snack and lunch; breaks will be provided during the morning program. The lunch period will include group activities to foster peer socialization and communication.*

Young learners enrolled in The Lab School of Washington’s summer program will benefit from daily small-group instruction as well as classes designed to enhance language and social development. A report from your child’s literacy tutor describing literacy skills targeted over the summer, areas of continued need, and effective strategies for ensuring continued progress in literacy is provided after the end of the summer session.

Each child’s daily schedule includes the following:

**Literacy Instruction**

Students engage in daily, specialized small-group structured literacy instruction, targeting phonemic awareness, decoding, spelling, vocabulary, and comprehension strategies. These focused Orton-Gillingham lessons provide the explicit, structured, systematic instruction critical for emerging and developing readers. Students are also asked to write in response to text presented in class, offering opportunities to enhance sentence-level and composition skills. Classes are formed with attention to student strengths and needs.

**Number Investigators**

Using a multi-sensory approach, students will explore the real world applications of mathematics. Through investigating and problem solving, students will discover how time, money, measurement, graphing, and estimation skills are used to solve everyday questions. Word problems emphasizing the language of math will reinforce mathematical skills and concepts as students investigate the wide world of numbers. Through a collaborative learning environment and flexible instructional grouping, students will engage with concepts including number sense, logic, fluency, and critical thinking skills.

**Academic Clubs**

Our signature Academic Clubs immerse students in themed learning environments. Each Academic Club sets a dramatic framework for learning by creating an imagined time and place where every child plays an important role. Students experience hands-on, project-based learning designed to build language, content knowledge, and critical thinking with a variety of art forms.

This summer, students in the Academic Clubs will study under-the-sea creatures! Our marine biologists will travel the world as they explore the fascinating animals that call water their home: whales, sharks, fish, shellfish, and cephalopods such as the octopus and squid. Students will learn where and how these animals live, how and what they eat, how they socialize, and what makes them unique. Through an immersive approach to learning, our summer biologists will create art projects, play games, and delve into the world of these fascinating creatures! We are going to learn so much!

**Exercise and Movement**

All students take a movement class daily. Students work on skill building, balance, participation, and sportsmanship. This summer we will celebrate the lead up to the Summer Olympics in Paris by hosting our own Lab Olympics – no shot put or javelins – but we will enjoy fun competitions as we build our skills.
ON-CAMPUS LOWER SCHOOL AFTERNOON PROGRAMS: FOR RISING GRADES 1–6

Arts, Sports/Games, and More
1:30pm – 3:30pm

Monday–Friday
Open to students enrolled in the Lower School morning program only

IN-PERSON
Tuition: $825
Drop-in rate: $50 per day/space permitting

All students will be dismissed at 3:30pm unless they are enrolled in Extended Day. See below for details. A grace period of 15 minutes is extended as a courtesy; after that, late fees apply.

All Lower School students in our 1:30pm – 3:30pm program will participate in a variety of engaging activities. Students will be assigned to groups based on their age and rotate activities weekly. A copy of your child’s weekly schedule will be provided.

Lower School Extended Day
3:30pm – 5:00pm

Monday–Friday
Open to students enrolled in the Lower School morning program only

IN-PERSON
Tuition: $500
Drop-in rate: $45 per day/space permitting

During this time, students will have an opportunity to relax and select an activity from the choices provided each day. Art, board games, and puzzles will be available every day, sports will be available two days a week, and Friday will feature our movie day!

All students will be dismissed at 5:00pm. A grace period of 15 minutes is extended as a courtesy; after that, late fees apply.
On-Campus Middle School/Upper School Morning Program
8:30am – 1:30pm

Monday–Friday
Ages: Rising 7th–10th grade

IN-PERSON
Tuition: $3,700 for completed contracts and full payment received by March 15, $4,050 after March 15, $4,675 after May 31

The Summer Project – “Friendships born on the field of athletic strife are the real gold of competition. Awards become corroded, friends gather no dust.”
– Jesse Owens

The Summer Project invites rising seventh through tenth graders to join this year’s summer adventure, promoting the enrichment of skills developed during the school year. Students are immersed in an arts-centered program, where they apply their skills in reading, writing, and math within a creative and interactive environment.

Exploring this year’s theme of competition, students participate in a dynamic program that bridges subject areas for an interdisciplinary experience. From Olympic sports to argumentation, The Summer Project will provide a unique opportunity to examine how people define “success.” Whether delving into the strategies of sportsmanship or debate, our arts-integrated model ensures that the program caters to all participants as we learn together through hands-on and active instruction in a project-based environment. Students will sharpen their research skills, drawing from diverse sources such as sports advertising, political, social, and legal debates, and NBA brackets as they explore what it means to have a competitive spirit.

Summer Project students will work independently and collaboratively, fostering communication, adaptability, and an appreciation for diverse perspectives. Engaged in group discussions, small-group activities, and discovery-based exploration, students focus on a cumulative artistic project that blends content, versatile skills, and social awareness for a summer experience that is both deeply meaningful and joyfully gratifying.
VIRTUAL TUTORING FOR GRADES 1–12

Virtual Tutoring For Grades 1–12

Ten 1:1 60-minute sessions
Tuition: $1,500/10 sessions

Elevate Your Child's Learning This Summer with Our Exceptional Online Tutoring Program!

Are you seeking a flexible yet impactful educational experience for your child this summer? Lab’s Online Tutoring program is designed to fit seamlessly into your summer schedule, whether you’re juggling travel plans, camps, or simply seeking to enrich your child’s academic journey during the summer months.

What We Offer:

• Personalized Tutoring Sessions: Crafted to fit your child’s unique learning needs while using Lab’s research-backed instruction.
• Flexible Session Structure: We schedule our tutoring sessions based on the times and dates you need – we follow your schedule.
• Expert Educators at Your Service: Our team consists of highly trained and experienced teachers, ready to connect with your child through our online platform.
• Unlimited Learning Opportunities: Purchase as many tutoring packages as you require. With no expiration date, these sessions offer ongoing support and enrichment for your child’s educational journey.

How It Works:

• Purchase Your Package: Select the number of tutoring packages that best suits your child's needs. One tutoring package provides ten 60-minute tutoring sessions for $1,500 per package.
• Get Matched with an Expert Educator: Upon purchase, we'll pair your child with an expert teacher who aligns with their academic goals.
• Schedule & Start Learning: Set up a schedule that works for you and begin the exciting journey of virtual tutoring.

To apply, please visit labschoolglobal.campbrainregistration.com.

For more details please reach out to Amy Oswalt, Director of Innovation and Head of the Global Division/Online Learning, at the Lab School:

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202–641–5847
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Visit the online portal at labschool.campbrainregistration.com
Advanced Writing Workshop: Building College-Ready Writers

Monday–Friday
Ages: Rising 7th–12th grade (2–4 students grouped by age and skill)
Times (choose one): 1:30pm–2:30pm, 2:30pm–3:30pm
IN-PERSON
Tuition: $3,125

Is your student ready to move beyond the basics and advance their writing skills? Through small-group instruction, students will develop strategies to increase sophistication of vocabulary, sentence structure, and multi-paragraph essays. Utilizing The Writing Revolution,® students practice planning, organizing, drafting, revising, and editing a variety of expository text structures, from academic essays to high school/college entrance compositions. Students leave with a toolkit to tackle future writing assignments. Students will:

• increase executive functioning skills for planning, organizing, and self-assessing written work.
• improve outlining and selection of graphic organizers.
• enhance complexity, clarity, and coherence of essays.
• strengthen skills for editing and revising written work.
• explore assistive technology to support individual needs, such as word prediction, speech-to-text, text-to-speech, and research organization tools.

Please note a writing sample will be required for admission into this program.

Fundamentals of Executive Functioning

Monday–Friday
Ages: 5th grade and up (4–6 students)
Times: 1:30pm–2:30pm
IN PERSON
Tuition: $3,125

Executive functioning skills are the building blocks that propel students to grow and succeed in and out of the classroom. By blending the expertise of an Occupational Therapist, Psychologist, and Speech Language Pathologist, each small group session will focus on breaking down and tackling a range of executive functioning skills, including:

• Task initiation
• Planning / prioritization
• Organization
• Goal-directed persistence
• Flexibility
• Emotion Regulation
• Time Management
• Sensory Processing

Led by one Occupational Therapist, Psychologist, or Speech Language Pathologist (rotating days), daily sessions will integrate games, projects, and conversations. The incorporation of evidence-based programs and strategies will bolster student success at school, nurture harmony at home, and help students to navigate the complexities of everyday life with confidence and competence. Families will receive tips and guidance weekly, empowering them to reinforce skills and strategies practiced daily.

Beyond the Page

Tuesdays & Thursdays (flexible check-in times available)
Ages: Rising 7th–12th grade Lab School students
VIRTUAL
Tuition: $1,200

Rising 7th–12th grade Lab students are guided through their assigned summer reading book with a specific focus on reading comprehension techniques, executive functioning strategies, and independent learning and self-advocacy skills. Students will:

• read assigned book sections.
• complete assignments that focus on factual comprehension, higher-level comprehension (e.g., inferences or predictions), and connections to self, the world, and other texts.
• attend scheduled virtual sessions for video conferencing and collaborative book discussions.
• integrate individualized feedback into all assignments.
SPEECH, LANGUAGE, AND LITERACY PROGRAMS

The Road to Reading and Spelling

Monday–Friday
Ages 7+ (students paired by age and skill)
Times (choose one): 1:30pm–2:30pm, 2:30pm–3:30pm, 3:30pm–4:30pm
IN-PERSON
Tuition: $3,125

Instruction is highly individualized and systematically targets development of reading and spelling skills. Using the Orton-Gillingham approach and Science of Reading (SOR) principles, daily sessions include individual and small-group instruction, tailored to student-specific needs. Students will:

• increase phonological awareness skills including rhyming, blending, segmenting, and sound manipulation.
• improve knowledge of alphabetic code for reading and spelling skills.
• develop syllabification skills and morphological awareness to enhance reading and spelling (e.g., syllable division strategies, recognition of prefixes, suffixes, roots).
• enhance reading accuracy and fluency for comprehension.

Post-testing shows, on average, 15–20% gains in foundational reading and spelling skills.

Story Sleuths

Monday–Friday
Ages 8–12 (2–4 students grouped by age and skill)
Times (choose one): 1:30pm–2:30pm, 2:30pm–3:30pm
IN-PERSON
Tuition: $3,125

Calling all detectives! It is time to put your sleuthing skills to work. Through small-group instruction, students hone their language comprehension and expression skills while solving mysteries and “crimes.” Mysteries come alive through books, podcasts, videos, and comic strips. Students will:

• extract, analyze, and synthesize facts.
• identify and summarize key information.
• plan and organize a complete narrative.
• develop observation, inference, prediction, and deductive reasoning skills.
• learn strategies for organizing thoughts and understanding stories using Mindwing Concepts Story Grammar Marker® and Six Second Stories®.
SPEECH, LANGUAGE, AND LITERACY PROGRAMS

Building a Writer’s Toolbox

Monday–Friday
Ages 8+ (2–4 students grouped by age and skill)
Times (choose one): 1:30pm–2:30pm, 2:30pm–3:30pm
IN-PERSON
Tuition: $3,125
Help your child become more at ease with the writing process. Through small-group instruction, students develop tools to prepare for writing in a variety of academic contexts. Specific instruction using The Writing Revolution® gives students practice planning, organizing, drafting, and revising a variety of expository text structures. Students leave with a toolkit to tackle future writing assignments. Students will:
• increase executive functioning skills for planning and organizing the writing process.
• enhance sophistication of sentence structure, word choice, and writing style.
• explore assistive technology tools to support individual needs, such as: word prediction, speech-to-text, and text-to-speech.
Please note a writing sample will be required for admission into this program.

Speech and Language 1:1 Therapy

Ages 6+
1-hour sessions offered between 8:30am–1:30pm
Individual sessions offered 1–2 times per week
IN-PERSON
4 sessions: $700
8 sessions: $1,400
Summer therapy services are a great way to introduce or maintain speech and language skills. All sessions are 60 minutes in length, highly individualized, and can target skills such as:
• vocabulary and concept knowledge
• grammar/syntax
• listening and reading comprehension
• language formulation and organization
• social pragmatics
• problem solving
• phonological awareness, reading, and spelling
• written expression
• voice, fluency, and articulation
• executive functioning

All Speech, Language, and Literacy programs are run by ASHA-certified Speech-Language Pathologists.

For more information on all Speech and Language programs, please contact the Intake and Scheduling Coordinator at 202–349–8640 or thereservoirgroup@labschool.org.
Ready, Set, SMILE!
Monday–Friday
Ages 4–7
8:45am–12:30pm
IN-PERSON
Maximum of 6 students
Tuition: $4,000 for completed contracts and full payment received by March 15, $4,300 after March 15

This dynamic morning Occupational Therapy experience engages students in instruction and therapy to address fine-motor, gross-motor, sensory regulation, and self-regulation skills. Take your child back to the foundations of sensory-motor development and prepare them for home, academic, and functional life skills!

- Highly supportive environment, with individual therapy opportunities and maximum of 3:1 student-therapist ratio.
- Sensory-motor activities emphasize motor coordination, body awareness, balance, core stability, and self-regulation while utilizing suspended equipment.
- Fine-motor activities target bilateral coordination, hand and finger strength, visual perceptual and visual motor skills.
- Activities of daily living integrated throughout the day, including lunch time, promote independence.
- Aspects of Zones of Regulation™, ALERT program™, and Handwriting Without Tears™ utilized, as appropriate, for each student.
- Consultation with a speech and language pathologist will help develop and support social skills and the language of self-regulation.
- End-of-summer report provides individualized suggestions for home and school.

For more information, please contact the Intake and Scheduling Coordinator at 202-349-8640 or thereservoirgroup@labschool.org.

Launch Into Literacy
Monday–Friday
Ages 5–6
Individual sessions
12:30pm–1:15pm
IN-PERSON
Tuition: $3,125

Get started with foundational literacy skills that are important for preschool and kindergarten classrooms. Students will work one-on-one with a speech-language pathologist to strengthen pre-literacy and early literacy skills, including:

- phonological and phonemic awareness skills such as rhyming, blending and segmenting sounds
- letter recognition and formation
- early sound-symbol correspondence
- print awareness

For more information, please contact the Intake and Scheduling Coordinator at 202-349-8640 or thereservoirgroup@labschool.org.
**OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY 1:1 SESSIONS**

Occupational Therapy 1:1

Ages 6+
1-hour sessions

**IN-PERSON**
After SMILE or Camp Day
(12:30pm–1:30pm or 1:30pm–2:30pm)
4 sessions: $700
8 sessions: $1,400

Occupational therapy during the summer is a great way to build and maintain functional skills. Individual therapy sessions are highly individualized and can target skills such as:

- Handwriting
- Keyboarding
- Gross-motor skills
- Fine-motor skills
- Visual-motor integration
- Visual-perceptual skills
- Ocular-motor skills
- Sensory processing
- Executive functioning
Hands-on Fun!

Monday–Friday
Ages 8–12 (4–6 Students)
1:30pm–2:30pm
**IN-PERSON**
Tuition: $2,800

Handwriting, keyboarding, puzzles, mazes, projects!

Students will work on fine motor skills and improve handwriting, keyboarding, and use of tools. Through just-right challenges and a developmental framework, students will address visual-motor and visual-spatial skills.

Students will:

- receive individualized handwriting and keyboarding instruction.
- engage in at-home practice through an online keyboarding account.
- explore and utilize functional academic tools, such as rulers, yardsticks, measuring cups, compasses, protractors, etc.
- practice with academic tasks, including reading charts and graphs.

Interactive Metronome

Monday–Friday
Ages 8+ (Individual instruction)
Times (select one): 1:30pm–2:30pm, 2:30pm–3:30pm
**IN-PERSON**
Tuition: $3,350

What is IM? Interactive Metronome® (IM) is a computer-based program shown to improve attention, coordination, and timing in students. During each session, the student listens to a rhythmic beat while completing various hand and foot exercises.

Students will:

- work on filtering distractions, inhibiting impulsivity, and promoting self-regulation.
- address weaknesses in areas such as fine-motor coordination, handwriting, gross-motor coordination, agility, and visual/perceptual skills.

Learn To Ride a Bike

Tuesdays & Thursdays*
Ages 7–10 (4 students max per group)
1:30pm–2:30pm
7 total sessions
*Note that during the first week of the session, only one class will be held (Tuesday). For the next three weeks, classes will be held Tuesday and Thursday.
**IN-PERSON**
Tuition: $1,050

This 7-session group will target all the necessary skills for learning to ride a 2-wheeler:

- balance
- starting and stopping
- pedaling
- safety
- turning
- bilateral coordination skills

Students must provide their own bikes and helmets which will be stored at Lab for the month of July.

Sessions are provided by Occupational Therapists trained in the Interactive Metronome® program.