



*A Community of Learners*

## **Informational Item: Adventures in Learning Remote 2020!**

TO: School Board  
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### **Background**

The District has hosted a successful summer program, Adventures in Learning, for over seventy-five years. Adventures in Learning has a long-standing tradition of providing engaging experiences designed by certified teachers and staff. Students may find themselves designing and making their own clothing and walking in a student-led fashion show in our Fashion Design Class; testing their survival skills and fire-building abilities in Wilderness Survival class; bonding with, and later adopting, a live animal in Animal Care. These are just a few of the experiences that make Adventures special.

### **Adventures in Learning (AIL)- Remote Learning**

With the onset of Covid-19 and Governor Pritzker's Restore Illinois Plan, it became evident that this would not be a typical summer for Adventures in Learning. A planning team began to design what AIL could look like in a remote setting.

Several big decisions had to be made very quickly:

- timing and structure of the day;
- course types;
- primary program feasibility;
- Extended School Year Students (ESY) approach;
- student fees and teacher compensation
- options for older students.

Below are some of the processes and decisions put into place to ensure a successful launch of AIL - Remote Learning:

- The decision to cancel in-person Adventures in Learning
- Determined the structure of AIL Remote Learning
  - Duration of 3 weeks (July 6-24) - 15 sessions
  - Each class will run the 3 weeks and be offered via synchronous learning 30-minutes per day
  - Students have the choice of up to two sessions per day
  - Class size would range from 5-10
  - ESY will take place remotely and will be operate independently
- Accepted proposals to staff for remote class offerings
- Created [online catalog](#) and posted to the website
- Posted schedule of classes
- Prepared for mid-May registration
- Determined cost of registration and employee compensation to run a cost-neutral program

### **AIL Remote Class Fees**

Adventures in Learning Remote takes place over a shorter time span, both in weeks and class time per day. Fees had to be adjusted in a way that considered the variances of time, but also allowed for teachers to plan in a different setting and provide for feedback loops to support the typical connection felt through a summer in AIL.

The District is looking to offer up to 60 classes

- The District would charge \$100 per class with an expected enrollment of 180 students, each taking two classes.
- Total revenue is expected to be approximately \$36,000 (with assumption of 180 campers - typical enrollment is 600+ campers).
- Staff would be compensated at \$375 per class taught
- Total cost for the program is estimated at \$36,000 (including supplies and materials), resulting in a breakeven program.

[\*\*Link to AIL Online Catalog\*\*](#)