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School In The Summer To Get Ahead In The Fall

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It's summertime, but that doesn't mean the livin's easy for everyone.

These high school students are in English class to get a jump start on their future.

"A lot of students aren't here because they've failed, but because they passed quite successfully and want to do more," says summer school director Tom Beatty.

It's one of the "new credit" classes offered during the summer for students who want to clear up their fall schedule for advanced courses.

"I haven't been able to meet my requirements for Art School so I need this. This year, right now," says student Emily Price.

By taking Economics now, Emily can take the four art classes in the fall she needs for college.

Beatty says these kids are making a sacrifice.

On a beautiful summer day, they're inside soaking up knowledge while their friends are outside soaking up the sun.

"I really want to succeed in college and what I'm doing, so if this is going to get me there then I'm willing to go to summer school," says Price.

Tyler Watkins needs to take college Bio in the fall, so he's taking other classes now.

"It's convenient and sometimes it's the only option to do what you want to do academically," says Watkins.

"A lot of these kids have set very high aspirations for themselves, they've set high goals, they're working to achieve their goals," says Beatty.

Meeting goals for the future, starting today.

Starting in 9th grade, guidance counselors push the summer "new credit" program to help students plan for their future.

Most schools in the area that offer Summer school, offer the program.

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