

SUMMER SPRINGBOARD
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Middle School Future Changemakers Infosheet

Residential & Commuter Students

New student admissions for Summer 2026 are open.

Middle School Course

This is a one-week program where you'll focus on one course for the entire duration.

Program Highlights

- Explore the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) through interactive discussions and activities
- Build key skills in research, negotiation, public speaking and critical thinking
- Collaborate in teams to develop community action plans addressing real-world challenges
- Engage with sustainability experts and visit local D.C. organizations driving real change worldwide
- Design and pitch a new SDG proposal at the final Global Summit

2026 Dates

Georgetown

- Session 1: July 5 - July 10

Academic Program Overview

The Future Changemakers Program introduces middle school students to the United Nations' 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the policy frameworks behind them. Students examine how the UN addresses global challenges and assess real-world progress toward sustainability through guided research, simulations, UN-style negotiations, and collaborative problem-solving. Building on this foundation, students work in teams to design SDG 18, proposing an original goal that responds to emerging global issues beyond the 2030 agenda. The program culminates in a Global Summit where students present their proposals, developing skills in critical thinking, public speaking, and civic leadership while gaining exposure to careers in diplomacy, international relations, public policy, environmental science, and nonprofit work.

Excursions

Students may visit key organizations such as the U.S. Institute of Peace, World Bank or local environmental and nonprofit groups to explore diplomacy and sustainable development in practice. Excursions offer firsthand insight into global collaboration and positive impact-driven careers.

Instructors

Georgetown - Amy Trenkle

Amy Trenkle is a professor of education at American University and a middle school Social Studies teacher with DC Public Schools, where she has been teaching since 1999. She is a National Board Certified Teacher in Early Adolescence Social Studies/History and a National Geographic Certified Teacher. Amy holds a Master's degree in International Education from George Washington University and a Master's degree in American History from Pace University.

Tuition Information:

Residential Students:

- **Includes:** all meals, lodging, excursions, Academic Course and evening activities
- **Excludes**: optional airport pickup and drop off service (available for an additional fee)
- **Price**: $2,998

Commuter Students:

- **Includes:** lunch, academic course, excursions, programming from 9am to 5pm on Monday-Thursday, and 9am to 2:30pm on Friday
- **Excludes:** lodging, breakfast, dinner and evening activities
- **Price**: $1,598

Supplements:

- Application fee: Starting at $99 (mandatory, non-refundable)
- Tuition Protection Plan: Allows for cancellation for any reason up until the day of the program. Click here for more info.

More info on Airport Transfer

More info on Unaccompanied Minor Service

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Course Structure

There are five 3-hour class sessions over the one-week course. During the week, students have class from 9am-12pm, Monday - Friday (program check-out is 2:30 p.m. on Friday). Wednesday afternoon will be dedicated to additional academic time with possible excursions and/or guest speakers.

The Middle School programs operate separately from Summer Springboard high school programs with separate staff, accommodations, classes and a more structured environment. For students completing grades 6-8.

Typical Schedule

8AM	Breakfast
9AM	Academic Course / Commuter Student Arrival
12PM	Lunch
1:30PM	Academic Excursions or Recreational Activity
3:30PM	Academic Skills Lab
5PM	Free-Time
5-6PM	Commuter Students Depart
6PM	Dinner
7PM	Evening Activity
8:30PM	Back in the Dorm
9:30PM	Mentor Check-In

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2026 Dates

NYU

- Session 1: June 22 - June 26
- Session 2: June 29 - July 3
- Session 3: July 6 - July 10
- Session 4: July 13 - July 17
- Session 5: July 21 - July 24

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The NYU commuter-only program introduces middle school students to the United Nations' 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the policy frameworks behind them. Students examine how the UN addresses global challenges and assess real-world progress toward sustainability through guided research, simulations, UN-style negotiations, and collaborative problem-solving. Building on this foundation, students work in teams to design SDG 18, proposing an original goal that responds to emerging global issues beyond the 2030 agenda. The program culminates in a Global Summit where students present their proposals, developing skills in critical thinking, public speaking, and civic leadership while gaining exposure to careers in diplomacy, international relations, public policy, environmental science, and nonprofit work.ents investigate real-world progress on the SDGs, tackle global issues and work in teams to design an original SDG for the world beyond 2030. The program culminates in a Global Summit, where students present their proposals and reflect on their role as young changemakers.

Excursions

Students will engage with sustainability experts and visit key local organizations working in diplomacy, international relations, environmental science, policy and nonprofit leadership.

Instructors

NYU - TBD

Courses are led by accomplished and passionate faculty and practitioners in international relations, political science, and sustainability. Each instructor is selected for their expertise in global studies and their ability to engage middle school students through experiential learning, discussion and real-world simulation.

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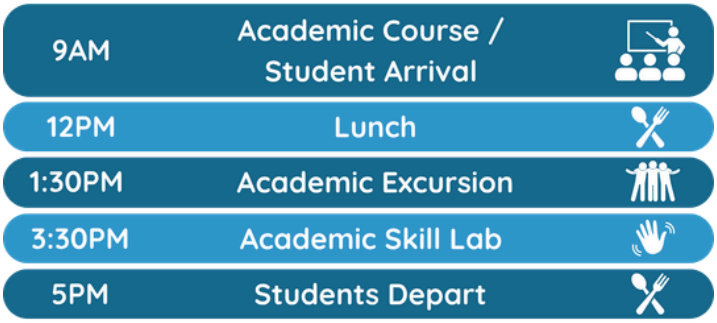
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