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Summer School Successes

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Some students are taking courses over the summer to get ahead for the next school year. As NewsChannel 34's Samantha Hensell shows us summer school has gotten a makeover.

In past years, summer school has gotten a bad wrap. But the current summer school is quite different. These students are taking extra courses at Owego-Apalachin Middle School to get ahead for the next school year.

Tom Beatty says "By taking these core requirements for high school in the summertime, it gives them free time in the fall so they can take elective classes that are college prep classes."

Tom Beatty says "There's a variety of different things they can take during the year so by being here frees them up time to they can use their time to advance and excel in the fall."

There are several state required courses the students can take including English, government, and health. David Lee is taking economics so he can take a video class in the fall.

David Lee says "So I can free up my schedule so I can go to BOCES in the morning and take a video production class."

And Kaitlyn Betz wants to get a jump start on her career.

Kaitlyn Betz says "Because if I go to BOCES, I can get started with my nursing career and go to college and finish it up and then I'll be done."

The students say they don't mind giving up some of their summer because it will help them in the long run.

Kaitlyn Betz says "It's in the morning so it's not taking up your full day and you still get to get ahead in all your classes and everything."



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David Lee says "It's a great opportunity if you want to get ahead and I'd say to somebody who's looking to try to get ahead and likes school why not free up your senior schedule and take more classes."

The summer courses are available to students in both Tioga and Broome counties. And the students attending are clearly dedicated to their education. At Owego-Apalachin Middle School, Samantha Hensell, NewsChannel 34.



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