

Secret Codes Camp 2025



The Center for Reading at Pittsburg State University will be offering the Secret Codes Camp this summer. The Secret Codes curriculum uses cutting edge science to teach beginning reading skills and was developed to **prevent reading failure**.

The camp is **open to all** children who want to get a jump start learning to read or who are struggling to learn to read.

Camp Description

When is the camp? How long is it?

- June 2 through July 25, 2025
- One 50-minute session per day Mondays through Thursdays

The Secret Codes Camp will use the Secret Codes curriculum. During camp:

- Beginning readers will be taught the foundations of reading so that they can become good readers.
- Students who are currently struggling will be taught to read with an effective intervention to help them become stronger readers.

The Secret Codes curriculum is a year-long curriculum. Students will be receiving half of the curriculum during the Secret Codes Camp.

Description of Instruction

Each day will consist of one 50-minute session. The first part of the session will focus on whole-group instruction followed by individual practice.

The Secret Codes curriculum is science-based and highly effective. It was written for kindergarten students and for students in older grades who are experiencing word reading difficulties.

- Reading failure can be prevented.
- Reading difficulties can be remediated.
- Students have been very successful in strengthening their reading skills with the Secret Codes curriculum.

Class Session Size

- Class size will be limited to ten (10) students per class session for in-person instruction and four (4) students per class for online instruction.
- Students will need to be ready to begin class five to ten minutes before their session begins.

Class Session Times

All sessions run Monday through Thursday for eight weeks (totaling 32 sessions):

- 9:00-9:50
- 10:00-10:50
- 11:00-11:50

Efforts will be made to accommodate family schedules, but class times will generally be assigned by the Center for Reading and based on student age and skill level.

Learning to read is hard! Why is it so difficult?

Many children struggle to learn to read. About one-third of children do not read at the Basic level.

The English writing system can be challenging for beginning and struggling readers. Did you know that there are twelve (12) different ways to spell the long a (ā) sound? There are also a lot of different ways to spell similar sounding words (to, too, and two; threw and through).

To teach reading a very systematic and structured teaching approach needs to be taken. The Secret Codes curriculum provides this structure and children become competent readers as a result.

Expectations

By the end of the Secret Codes Summer Camp, students will have learned the essentials of how to read and will improve their reading skills.

Students will be instructed by staff who have been trained on the Secret Codes concepts and teaching methods. Class sessions will be provided in a fun and child-friendly environment.

Requirements for Online Students

To participate in the Secret Codes Camp online, each student will need a device with a webcam and access to the internet. Since the Secret Codes Camp online option will be delivered through Zoom, others in the house may need to refrain from viewing streamed shows or movies as those are competing for the same bandwidth and may interfere with the Zoom sessions.

Total Cost Per Student (\$500)

Materials \$100 + Tuition \$400 = \$500

Tuition and materials fees **must** be paid in full on **May 19, 2025**. For those who qualify, four weekly installments of \$125 can be made on May 19, May 26, June 2, and June 9.

Families in need of financial assistance should contact reading@pittstate.edu or (620) 235-4593.

Registration

To register for Secret Codes Camp, please submit a completed registration form to the Center for Reading. Registration forms may be located on the Center for Reading website (www.pittstate.edu/reading) or at 225 Whitesitt Hall on the campus of Pittsburg State University.

Register by May 19, 2025 to receive materials on time.