

New Bedford's Sea Lab Summer Session 52 returns – in two parts

Part 1 will operate remotely this summer; Part 2 will continue on-site at Sea Lab next summer.

Due to the health and safety challenges presented by COVID19, Sea Lab, New Bedford Public Schools' nationally recognized summer marine science program will operate in two parts: Part 1 will include remote sessions on-line and fee-free this summer, and resume Part 2 with traditional sessions next summer, it was announced yesterday.

Superintendent Thomas Anderson stated, "Sea Lab is an outstanding program that has offered high quality learning experiences for our students for decades. This summer, like all our summer programs, it will be done remotely for 6-weeks. There were several discussions with multiple stakeholders. I wish to sincerely thank the Naval Undersea Warfare Center (NUWC), which has graciously agreed to fund the program at NO cost to our parents or New Bedford Public Schools. Staff will conduct weekly virtual lessons including activities, experiments, and projects."

Simone Bourgeois, Sea Lab Facilitator, noted "our 2020 Sea Lab session, which is #52, will be unique and challenging, but we will be focusing on the safety and curiosity of our Sea Lab students who are 'the best of the best.'"

This summer, Sea Lab will consist of six remote lessons, one lesson per week for six weeks, given by Sea Lab instructors to registered Sea Lab Students. Sea Lab teachers will call their students to set up days and times for the 6 remote lessons.

Parents do not pay tuition for this educational opportunity.

"I wish to express my sincere appreciation to Candida Desjardins, NUWC Educational Director, for her assistance in making this a reality this summer," Ms. Bourgeois added.

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About Sea Lab

Sea Lab is a marine science studies program funded through the New Bedford Public Schools for the perpetuation of real science activities. The success of the summer program precipitated the development of an academic year program to expose all grade five students to the realm of marine and aquatic sciences.

Sea Lab is a marine and aquatic educational facility servicing New Bedford Public School students interested in studying principles of oceanography, limnology, meteorology, physics, chemistry, geology, and biology as related to the marine and aquatic environments.

The summer curriculum is designed to be progressive and cumulative from the fourth grade to the ninth grade.