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## About Us

MICROSOCIETY is a non-profit educational services organization with a 15 year track record of success. We help create motivating learning environments by providing curriculum, professional development, and coaching to teachers and innovative educational programs to students through authentic, hands-on learning aligned with classroom curricula. MICROSOCIETY' s programs are supported by 30 years of programmatic research, refinement and implementation in hundreds of schools across the nation.

## Program Impact...

*Micro Summer Program's* model has the power to address the most serious problems that plague American students today – boredom!

- **Improve Behavior and Reduce Violence**

Students learn the value of rules and laws when they create them in order to get along in their society. They also learn empathy and respect for others and hone valuable conflict-resolution skills in order to enforce the rules they create.

- **Motivate a Desire to Learn**

By connecting skills to real-world rewards, the program re-engages students who are uninterested in school.

- **Enhance Citizenship**

Students learn why voting and demanding ethical decisions of their elected officials is not only their right, it is their responsibility. They learn first-hand how to change their society and make their wishes known.



# Don't let students waste a whole summer!

Discover  
*MicroSociety Summer Program*<sup>TM</sup>



## Is Not In Any Textbook...

### The *Micro Summer Program*<sup>TM</sup> Solution

**The need for summer programs** has doubled over the past decade. The demand for services has been fueled by public belief that young people should have safe places to be during the summer – places that transform a time of risk into a time of opportunity for growth and development

Offering so much more — *Micro Summer Program* provides a safe haven exciting enough to capture even the imagination of your middle grade students! Within an atmosphere of freedom, creativity, and responsibility, students are motivated to connect what they learn in school to real world activities.

### A Parent's Perspective:

"Cyndi was bored. She was planning to sit around watching TV all day. Her friend invited Cyndi go with her to the *MicroSociety Summer Program*. Cyndi started getting up early, ready to go to the program. She talked about her job and getting her employees to be more productive. What a change!"

Cyndi's mom, Susan  
The Cora Beacon Center  
Grover Washington Middle School

### Academic Connections and Enrichment

*"Learning to write a check and balance my account, makes me a great business owner."*

*Juan, 8th grade*

Educators wish for a program that keeps kids learning during the summer. Parents want their kids in a safe place where they can pursue hobbies and develop positive peer relationships.

### Career Preparation

*"In MicroSociety, I learned never to be late to work, to always work my hardest, and that hiring your best friend isn't always a good idea."*

*Whitney, 4th grade*

*Micro Summer Program* students explore a

variety of professions from holding public office to managing a business venture. It is the ultimate differentiated instructional experience that taps each child's multiple intelligences and desire to succeed "on the job." Children unlock their passions when they have a preview of real world life that is hopeful.

### Financial Literacy and Entrepreneurship

*"Because I had to pay taxes and manage an account, I learned how hard my parents have to work to give me things — things I don't really need."*

*DeSuan, 7th grade*

*Micro Summer Program* students learn the basics of finance as they buy and sell products in the marketplace, create budgets, maintain checkbooks, and calculate taxes..

### Character Education and Service Learning

*"You can be a boss but you don't have to be bossy."*

*Rasheed, 1st grade*

*MicroSociety* programs were named one of the best of the 28 leading service learning reform models by the National Youth Leadership Council (January 2000). Children learn values when they construct knowledge in realistic, authentic contexts that engage them as citizens responsible for solving real world problems. They learn caring, honesty, fairness, responsibility, and respect.



MICROSOCIETY's innovative, research-based model transforms a summer program into a bustling marketplace. Learning comes alive for elementary and middle school students by providing hands-on experiential learning aligned with academics. In a student-created miniature society fully equipped with a government and economy, children in the earliest grades apply academic skills to real world activities as they run businesses, manage banks and finances, adjudicate laws, apply technology, and develop government agencies. School and work come together naturally, when snack time turns into a student-run restaurant; older students conduct tutoring sessions helping their younger peers with learning at Micro University; or when budding botanists grow plants in the greenhouse. As students navigate the world they've created, they come to realize the practical application of their school skills. *Micro Summer Program* uses teamwork, service learning, and other hands-on activities to help them become responsible, caring, and productive citizens.

Ready to find out more about  
MICROSOCIETY's Summer  
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