Chelmsford Kumon Orientation and Frequently Asked Questions

Welcome to the Chelmsford Kumon Center (chelmsfordkumon.com). Our center's instructors have been helping students succeed for over 30 years. Kumon is the world's most successful afterschool learning program in the world, with centers in over 46 countries. Our math and reading materials are systematic and comprehensive, ranging from prekindergarten through early-college level content.

Philosophy: The Kumon system creates students who become masters of their material, in terms of both accuracy and in speed. Students begin at their core strength (an intentionally comfortable starting point assessed through the initial diagnostic test), and progress thereafter at their individual pace, while addressing holes in their competency base along the way. Students advance as fast as they are motivated to do so. Over time, committed students build a rock-solid foundation regardless of their starting point, and oftentimes progress to material far beyond what is taught in school. Note: The program is not intended as a 'quick fix' for students, but rather a long-term program for academic and life-long success.

Benefits: It is our experience that committed students to the program develop outstanding study habits, self-esteem from increased mastery of material, and better focus and concentration towards learning. Aside from corresponding success in school or on standardized exams, the personal benefits derived from Kumon can be long-lasting and lifelong.

Structure: The Kumon math and reading curriculum is organized into systematic levels of 200 worksheets per level, which build on top of previous mastery of material. Students complete one assigned worksheet packet of homework per day (including days of visits to the center), and the daily workload is tailored to each student's individual pace or preference. Student progress is constantly monitored and evaluated by instructors, for both accuracy and speed. Once a student has demonstrated mastery of level material (across both accuracy and speed metrics), an Achievement Test must be passed to advance to the next level. Note: It is important for parents to understand that repetition of previously completed material is common among our students, using standardized "repetition guides" specific to each level. We do not deviate from the repetition guide, and we progress students based on their worksheet accuracy and speed metrics. Our judgment of "mastery" is based on a student's actual performance on worksheet packets, not what a student considers to be "easy".

Home Grading: Home parental participation, and home grading of homework packets, is essential for success in the Kumon Method. Please refer to the Home Grading guide for instructions about proper recording of graded packets.

Standardized Exams: The Kumon system does not directly teach the SAT or other standardized tests, however much of the Kumon curriculum is SAT-relevant for both math and reading. We have noticed a strong correlation between committed students who stay with the program for a year or more, with excellent results on standardized exams.

Fees: Each subject is $130/month. Two subjects have a discount of $240/month. Upon initial enrollment, the center collects first month, last month, and a $30 registration fee. For example, a student who initially enrolls in math and reading will pay an upfront total of $510 (consisting of the initial $30 registration, $240 first month, and $240 last month). For every month thereafter, the monthly payment is $240 for two subjects, to be paid before the start of the next month. Students who initially sign up for one subject and wish to add another subject later, do not pay an additional registration fee. Late payments after the first week of each month incur a $10 charge. Monthly payment is made through check or credit/bank direct deposit (forms available), to 'Chelmsford Kumon Center'. The last month is pre-paid at initial enrollment, and discontinuation of the program requires a one-month notice in advance.