



## KU LEAD UP ACHIEVER SUMMER ACADEMY

### Important Information & Tips

*Welcome to the LEAD UP Achiever Summer Academy at the University of Kansas!*

*We're excited to have both new and returning LU Achievers join us this year. We're proud to partner with ThrYve and other partner programs to make this experience possible!*

### Travel details

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During your KU visit, you'll stay in **Templin Hall**, our on-campus residential housing (dormitory). [Templin Hall](#) is located at 1515 Engel Road, Lawrence, Kansas 66045.

- Some youth will receive transportation provided by **ThrYve** or other partner programs. If you ride from the Kansas City area on the bus with ThrYve, meet at the Juniper Gardens Children's Campus, Suite 400 (444 Minnesota Ave, Kansas City, KS) at 9:30 am. The bus from KC will leave promptly at 10:00 am.
- Youth may also be transported to Templin Hall by a **parent or guardian**.
- Your LEAD UP experience begins at **check-in at Templin Hall**.

 **Good news!** Parking at the dorm is **free during the summer** for those transporting participants.

### Chaperones & LEAD UP Guides

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LEAD UP participants will be supervised by **program staff chaperones** and **LEAD UP Guides** (KU college students or LU alumni).

- **Multiple male and female chaperones** will stay in the dorms with youth participants.
- **College Guides** will accompany youth during all campus activities.
- Youth are **not allowed to be unaccompanied** or leave the group unless picked up by a parent or guardian.

#### Need Help or Have Questions?

- Contact **LEAD UP** at **(785) 864-6691** (call or text) or email [leadup@ku.edu](mailto:leadup@ku.edu)
- You may also reach out to your sponsoring partner or **ThrYve** at **(913) 897-8543**

In the case of an emergency, or if youth participants or parents need additional information, contact LEAD UP by phone or text at (785) 864-6691 or by email at [leadup@ku.edu](mailto:leadup@ku.edu). You may also contact your sponsoring partner program or ThrYve at (913) 897-8543.

### Registration & Dorm Check In

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#### Check-In and Orientation

When you arrive at **Templin Hall**, you'll check in with a **LEAD UP staff member or volunteer** and a **dormitory resident assistant**.

At check-in, you'll receive:

- A **keycard** for your dorm room and dining access
- **Welcome materials** with important info about the LU Summer Academy

 **Important:** Lost keycards cost **\$50** to replace — please keep yours safe!

 After check-in, you'll get a **brief orientation** from KU Housing and LEAD UP staff. If you arrive early in the check-in window, you'll have time to settle into your room before the first session begins.

## KU Housing and Roommates

### **Room Assignments & Housing Expectations**

When you arrive, you'll be informed of your **room and roommate assignment**, which is determined by LEAD UP staff before the event.

- **Room changes** are only allowed with approval from **Dr. Thompson**, based on availability or other appropriate factors.
- Part of the college experience is learning to live with different people — your housing assignment is part of that learning opportunity.

 **Important:** Participants must follow all **housing and program policies**. If a participant does not comply, they may be **dismissed from the program**. In that case, **ThrYve**, the parent/guardian, or the designated chaperone must **immediately arrange pickup and travel**.

 **Dorm Lockdown:** Templin Hall will be **locked at 11:00 PM** nightly, in line with the summer housing policy.

## Things Provided

### **What to Expect During Your Stay**

 **Housing Essentials:** KU Housing provides **one set of linens** (sheets, blanket, pillow) and **one set of towels**, along with **toilet tissue**.

- Reminder: This is a **dorm**, not a hotel — accommodations are basic. Please bring any **additional personal items** you may need for comfort.

 **Meals & Snacks:** All **meals** will be provided through the LEAD UP program. **Evening snacks** will also be available.

 **Evening Recreation:** Fun activities will be offered at the **Student Recreation Center** in the evenings.

 **Program Agenda:** A full **conference agenda** will be provided to help you stay on track.

## Things to Bring

 **What to Bring to the LEAD UP Summer Academy**

 **Daily Necessities & Toiletries**

- Soap, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, lotion
- Toothbrush, toothpaste, and other personal care items
- Feminine hygiene products (if applicable)
- **Note:** These items are **not provided**, so please bring your own.

 **Bedding & Comfort**

- KU provides: **1 set of sheets, 1 blanket, 1 pillow, and 1 towel**

- Optional: Bring an **extra towel** and/or a **small blanket** if you tend to get cold

#### Shower Essentials

- Shower shoes (flip-flops)
- Bathrobe

#### Clothing

- Casual, school-appropriate attire (no midriffs or shirts showing stomach, short shorts, or short skirts)
- Comfortable shoes for walking and outdoor activities
- Workout clothes for evening recreation at the Rec Center

#### Essentials

- Cell phone and charger
- Any medications or items for special dietary needs

#### Learning Supplies

- Paper, pens, notebooks, folders
- Backpack

#### Optional Items

- Money for KU souvenirs or extra snacks
- Personal snacks (especially if you have specific preferences or dietary needs)

#### Most Important

- A **positive attitude**, an **open mind**, and a **spirit to ACHIEVE!**

## Things to Consider

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### Program Rules & Expectations

#### What NOT to Bring or Do:

- **No valuables:** LEAD UP and KU are **not responsible** for lost, stolen, or damaged items. While rooms can be locked, you may be sharing space with others.
- **No tobacco, vaping, alcohol, drugs, or inappropriate behavior:** This includes e-cigarettes, Juuls, smokeless tobacco, intimate contact, foul language, or disrespectful conduct.
- **Violations = Dismissal:** If you break housing or program rules, you will be **asked to leave immediately**. Your parent/guardian or partner program (e.g., ThrYve) must arrange for your pickup and travel home.



### ☀ **LEAD UP Values – RISE with Us!**

All LU Achievers, staff, and volunteers are expected to follow our **RISE Principles**:

**Respect, Integrity, Safety, & Engagement** (participate!)

If these principles are not followed:

- You'll receive a **warning** first.
- If behavior doesn't improve, you may be **dismissed from the program**.

We believe in you and expect **no issues** from our amazing LU Achievers — let's make this a great experience for everyone!

## Event Schedule and Activities

### **Program Schedule**

You'll receive a **detailed program schedule** when you check in at the dorms.

 You can also access the schedule online at:

[www.myleadup.org](http://www.myleadup.org)

## Parent/Guardian Online Access

### **Stay Connected During the Academy**

#### **Social Media Updates**

Stay in the loop with photos, highlights, and announcements throughout the program!

Follow **LEAD UP (KULeadUp)** and **ThrYve (WeThrYveKC)** on:

- **Facebook**
- **Instagram**
- **LinkedIn**

Use and follow our hashtags:

**#KULEADUP | #wethryve**

#### **Text Message Updates**

We use the **Text-Em-All** app to send updates to parents and participants.

- Your phone number is protected
- You'll receive **group and individual messages** from KU staff
- Look out for **important reminders and updates** during the program

### **After the Academy**

#### **Ongoing Support Includes:**

- **Weekly virtual tutoring** during the school year

**Rock Chalk Jayhawk, Go KU! LU Achievers, Let's Get it!**



- **College prep coaching** for all grade levels
- Sessions led by **LU Guides** and tutors from the LU Student Organization at KU
- We'll follow up with parents/guardians to invite you **sessions** to learn how youth and families can work together in reaching their academic goals.

 **Want to register your youth for tutoring for the school year through LEAD UP?**

Contact **LEAD UP** ([leadup@ku.edu](mailto:leadup@ku.edu)) to get started — it's **free and high quality!**

## LEAD UP Contact

### **Questions? We're Here to Help!**

If you have any questions **before, during, or after** the academy, don't hesitate to reach out:

 **Email:** [leadup@ku.edu](mailto:leadup@ku.edu)

 **Phone/Text:** (785) 864-6691

You can also connect with your **sponsoring program coordinator** for support.

### **Meet the Director**

- **Dr. Jomella Watson-Thompson (Dr. T)**  
Faculty Director of: **LEAD UP, ThrYve, and the Youth Violence Prevention Center – Kansas City**
- Our **partner programs** also have dedicated staff who support LEAD UP and are here to help make your experience a success.

We can't wait to welcome you to campus — **see you soon!**