

Getting Ready for Summer Virtual Learning Series

Session #1: Setting up for Summer Success

April 18, 2023

Session #1 Agenda

1. Review and discuss research in support of using summer programming to aid in learning recovery, including accelerated learning.
2. Reflect on previous summer programming and other data.
3. Craft and refine a plan for identifying and understanding the summertime learning needs and priorities of students and families in your community.

Getting Ready for Summer Virtual Learning Series Session Topics

Session 1: Setting up for Summer Success

- Reflect on previous summer learning experiences and consider the summertime learning needs and priorities of students in your community.

Session 2: Supporting Student and Family Recruitment

- Develop and align key messages tailored to the needs and interests of students and families for student recruitment.

Session 3: Developing Your Approach to Site Climate and Culture

- Discuss strategies to create a warm and welcoming summer learning environment, including ways to prepare staff and logistical considerations.

Session 4: Strategies to Accelerate Student Learning

- Focus on the importance of accelerating grade-level learning and reflect on summer learning program structures, practices, and curricula.

Summer Program Reflection – Work Time

1. Path #1: Just Starting/Somewhere in the Middle

Create a plan for completing the reflection tool.

- What's your plan to use the tool?
- Who will you engage when completing the reflection tool?
- What are you curious about? What lingering questions do you have (after reflecting on past summer learning)?

2. Path #2: We've Got This!

Independently or in your team groups, complete the **Program Planning and Management** section of the [Summer Program Reflection Tool](#).

Assessing the Needs of Your School Community

1. What students are you targeting for summer accelerated learning? What steps are you taking to assess your community?
2. What needs are you assessing?
3. How will you assess the needs in your community (e.g., survey, interviews)?
4. How will you use what you learned?

Additional Summer Learning Resources

[Wallace Foundation Summer Learning Toolkit](#)

Source: The Wallace Foundation, 2018

Description: Drawing from the work of five urban school districts and their partners, and research from the RAND Corporation, the Summer Learning Toolkit helps educators deliver impactful summer learning programs.

[The Value of Out-of-School Time Programs](#)

Source: RAND Corporation, 2017

Description: To better understand the value and effectiveness of out-of-school time (OST) programs, RAND researchers examined programs through the lenses of content, dosage (the hours of content provided), and outcomes measured, focusing on rigorous (i.e., experimental or quasi-experimental), large-scale evaluations and meta-analyses.

[The National Center Presents: Making Summer a Successful and Sustainable Strategy for Student Growth](#) and [Session Panel \(Video\)](#)

Source: National Comprehensive Center, 2022

Description: This *National Center Presents...* session featured a robust conversation with national summer researchers and local practitioners about what it looks like to design, execute, and sustain summer learning and enrichment programming.