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Extended Learning, Tutoring, and Summer School Solutions

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Flexible learning solutions are essential for students during out-of-session periods. Summer school, extended learning programs, and tutoring offer tailored approaches to address individual academic needs, providing opportunities for remediation, enrichment, and personalized support beyond the traditional classroom setting.

Summer School & Extended Learning

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Summer school is an educational program that takes place during the summer months when school is not in regular session. Extended Learning includes educational activities that go beyond the traditional classroom and schedule including after-school programs, intersession camps or workshops, and other learning opportunities. It's designed to help students enhance their academic knowledge and skills, and prepare for future studies.

- Structured program
- Credit recovery
- Preventing learning loss
- Outside of regular hours
- Variety of activities

Tutoring

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Personalized, one-on-one, or small-group instruction designed to supplement regular classroom learning by providing personalized attention and targeted help from a knowledgeable individual (a tutor) to assist students in specific subject areas.

- Personalized attention
- Flexible scheduling
- Targeted support

What is Summer Learning Loss?

Summer learning loss, also known as summer slide or summer setback, refers to the loss of academic knowledge and skills students may experience during the summer vacation period when they are not engaged in formal education. It is a phenomenon observed in many educational systems, particularly in countries with long summer breaks.

During the summer months, when students are not actively participating in structured educational activities, they may not engage in as much reading, writing, and other academic pursuits. As a result, they can experience a decline in their academic abilities, particularly in subjects like math and reading.

Research has shown that students can lose, on average, one to two months' worth of grade-level equivalency in math and reading skills over the summer break¹. This loss can accumulate over time and contribute to educational disparities, with some students falling behind their peers.

By implementing effective learning or tutoring programs, school districts can help mitigate learning achievement gaps, maximize knowledge retention, and support vulnerable students. Consistent learning helps students build on their knowledge year after year, leading to better long-term academic and social outcomes. Extended learning programs can help maintain and even enhance students' skills retention. Targeted support with tutoring can help close gaps and promote equity in education.

¹Beach et al., 2018; Beach & Traga Philippakos, 2021; Reed, Aloe, Reeger, & Sidler Folsom, 2019

FAUCET THEORY

If the faucet of academic resources is turned off for a period of time, skills decline.

Entwisle, Alexander, & Olsen, 2001

Without academic resources to support learning, children experience decline, thus one solution is to provide instruction during interim periods when school is "out of session" and in-person reading interventions net the best results, especially in elementary grades.

What To Consider When Choosing a Learning Program

1. Does it follow evidence-based practices?

Make sure the solution chosen is evidence-based and follows research-proven practices.

2. Are the lessons structured and systematic?

Use materials that provide a clear, step-by-step progression of skills. Explicit, systematic instruction is the most impactful delivery method for all students.

3. Is the content engaging and age appropriate?

Select texts and programs that are interesting and relevant to the students' age and grade level to keep them motivated. Incorporate hands-on activities that engage the senses, like clapping, songs, auditory exercises, manipulatives, and more.

4. When will this solution be offered?

Do you plan to deliver support during the school day? After school? During winter or summer intersessions? Consider the timing and where the student is in their learning journey when evaluating programs. A one-week winter boot camp will require different materials than a year-long tutoring program.

5. How many days are scheduled and how much time is allotted per session?

The amount of lesson material and prep time required will impact which solution is best for your program. You will also want to ensure the lesson length matches your allotted session time or can be tailored to it.

6. Does the program Scope and Sequence cover all of the necessary skills?

Comprehensive programs that cover essential skills are necessary to adequately support students. For example, reading lessons should cover phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension—the five essential components of reading.

7. Is there enough time to ensure the adequate dosage when the program's Scope and Sequence is followed?

If your program is short or very condensed, you'll want to look for a Scope and Sequence that covers the necessary material within the time allotted.

8. Who will deliver instruction?

Some solutions are specifically crafted to be delivered by trained tutors, paraprofessionals, or assistants.

9. Does it include progress monitoring and differentiation?

Look for solutions that allow you to measure students' progress and offer a way to provide both immediate corrective feedback and differentiation options to support students.

10. Does the program build in professional development and educator support?

Programs should provide clear guidelines for educators that equip them with the knowledge and skills they need to effectively deliver instruction. There should also be options for tailored teacher training and support from program experts.

Need a tool to vet your tutoring program? Check out our handy [Tutoring Checklist](#).



Literacy Solutions

Does your program align to the science of reading? Use our [Science of Reading Checklist](#) to make sure your solution checks the boxes.



LINKS to Literacy[™] is a reading intervention program for K–5 developing readers designed for small-group intervention with 30 lessons per level and flexible implementation models. Based on the science of reading, it delivers systematic, explicit instruction in the five essential components of reading. *LINKS to Literacy* is the link to grade-level success!

REWARDS[®]

The *REWARDS*[®] suite of solutions focuses on decoding multisyllabic words, identifying and understanding prefixes and suffixes, increasing word and passage reading fluency, building academic vocabulary, and deepening comprehension along with building confidence.



Sound Partners is a research-based, supplementary tutoring program designed to enhance early reading skills. With individualized instruction, *Sound Partners* emphasizes phonemic and alphabetic skills, phonemic decoding skills, and assisted oral reading practice with decodable texts.



Power Readers and *Supercharged Readers* are a series of books that focus on the systematic building of phonological awareness, decoding, fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension. Following a deliberate sequence, both series offer pre- and post-reading.

Review the [IES Guide](#) for providing reading intervention for students in grades 4–9.



Literacy Solutions



REWARDS[®]

Letter Naming	✓	✓	✓	—	—
Phonemic Awareness	✓	✓	✓	—	—
Phonics	✓	✓	✓	✓	—
Word Knowledge	✓	—	—	✓	✓
Vocabulary	✓	—	✓	✓	✓
Fluency	✓	—	✓	✓	✓
Comprehension	✓	—	✓	✓	✓
Writing	—	—	—	—	✓
Assessment	✓	✓	—	—	—
Number of Lessons	30	70-108	28 Books	37 Books	20-25
Lesson Time	60 Minutes	30 Minutes	20 Minutes	20 Minutes	50-60 Minutes
Must Follow Scope and Sequence	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓



Catch this podcast discussion between Dr. Louisa Moats and Dr. Claude Goldenberg to understand the relationship between oral and written language learning and the implications of this relationship for teaching students with varied language backgrounds.

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Writing Solutions

REWARDS[®] Writing

REWARDS[®] Writing: Sequence Refinement provides direct instruction and focused practice that helps build essential writing skills. The easy-to-follow, systematic, explicit instructional model features 75 lessons teaching critical sentence writing skills, including sentence fluency, word choice, and sentence revising strategies while giving valuable practice in writing.

Step Up to Writing[®]

Step Up to Writing[®] is a comprehensive program of multisensory writing strategies that develop students' ability to create thoughtful, well-written compositions. The solution's explicit and systematic approach to teaching writing is designed to provide clear strategies, methods, and support for increased writing success in all content areas.

REWARDS[®] Writing Step Up to Writing[®]

Narrative Writing	—	✓
Informational Writing	—	✓
Note Taking	—	✓
Sentence Writing	✓	✓
Grammar	✓	✓
Editing	✓	✓
Formal Writing	—	✓
Assessment	—	✓
Number of Lessons	75	Varies
Lesson Time	20-30 Minutes	45-60 Minutes
Must Follow Scope and Sequence	✓	—

Learn more about the importance of writing instruction—visit our [EDVIEW360 blog post](#) by Dr. Leslie Laud or this [post](#) about The Writing Rope by Joan Sedita.



Math Solutions



For grades K–8, *Vmath® Summer Adventure* is a research-based math intervention program that improves math skills through targeted instruction and practice of essential concepts and skills that students did not master during the regular school year.



Basic Computation



Measurement



Geometry



Algebraic Expressions



Assessment



Number of Lessons

20-60 Per Module Bundle

Lesson Time

30-60 Hours
of Instruction

Must Follow Scope and
Sequence



Check out the [IES Guide](#) on assisting students who struggle in mathematics.

Recommendations by Grade Level

Based on standards and expected knowledge and skills for these grade levels, we recommend these solutions for summer school, extended learning, or tutoring.

Grade Level	LINKS to Literacy	Sound Partners	Power Readers	Supercharged Readers	REWARDS	REWARDS Writing	Step Up to Writing	Vmath Summer Adventure
K	✓	✓	✓	—	—	—	✓	✓
1	✓	✓	✓	✓	—	—	✓	✓
2	✓	—	—	✓	—	—	✓	✓
3	✓	—	—	—	—	—	✓	✓
4	✓	—	—	—	✓	—	✓	✓
5	✓	—	—	—	✓	✓	✓	✓
6	—	—	—	—	✓	✓	✓	✓
7	—	—	—	—	✓	✓	✓	✓
8	—	—	—	—	✓	✓	✓	✓
9–12	—	—	—	—	✓	✓	✓	—



Summer school, extended learning, and tutoring play a vital role in maintaining consistency in student learning and bridging achievement gaps. By providing continuous educational opportunities, these programs help students retain and build upon the knowledge gained during the school year, leading to more successful academic outcomes. Investing in your students' educational needs fosters long-term growth and equity, ensuring every student has the opportunity to become successful readers, writers, and thinkers.

Let Voyager Sopris Learning® be your partner in reading, writing, and math intervention to help support your students during these specialized programs.

