

WHY SUMMERS MATTER



Summer is the time of greatest inequity for young people. When schools are closed, many low income young people lack access to meals, books and other learning resources, and physical activity.

Summer: A Unique and Underleveraged Time

Time for Improvement

Provide *both* students and staff opportunities to catch and keep up, develop and practice new skills.

Time for Innovation

Empower staff and others to test and try out, measure new ideas, solutions, strategies before scaling

Time for Integration

Break down silos in education and partner leaders and organizations in rare, new and lasting ways

Time for Impact

Hands-on learning in summer programs is immediate, measurable and lasting. Make change on a personal, community and policy level. This is a solvable challenge.



Broad Distinctions Between Summer School vs. Summer Learning

Summer School	Summer Learning
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Remedial Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Focuses on new and accelerated learning
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Academic, Drill and Skill	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Comprehensive, Project-based, hands-on
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• School building and district-based	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Can take place in a variety of settings and locations
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Disengaging and Punitive	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Exciting, engaging and attractive program everyone wants to attend
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mandatory for some students	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Voluntary and Open to all
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Adult-driven	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Strong emphasis on Student Voice, Choice, and Identity
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Feels like traditional school	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Unique Site Climate & Culture with Traditions/Rituals

American Rescue Plan - Education Provisions: \$30 Billion for Summer & Afterschool

- **\$122 billion for k-12 education through the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) Fund**
 - **\$8.45B available from SEAs (would serve 9 million students, doubling current number)**
 - \$1.22B set-aside for summer enrichment
 - \$1.22B set-aside for afterschool programs
 - 5%, approximately, \$6.1B, for learning recovery (including summer + afterschool)
 - Providers can be direct grantees of these funds (more on that in next slides)
- **\$22 billion to LEAs for learning recovery strategies, including afterschool and summer enrichment**
- \$1 billion for Corporation for National and Community Service through AmeriCorps for AmeriCorps positions to help address learning recovery and other purposes

