





Summer Story Ideas

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About the National Summer Learning Association



NSLA's mission is to connect and equip schools, providers, communities and families to deliver high-quality summer learning opportunities to our nation's youth to help close the achievement gap and support healthy development.

NSLA seeks to:

- Recognize and disseminate what works in summer learning.
- Offer expertise and support for programs and communities to strengthen and expand summer learning opportunities.
- Convene leaders and advocates for summer learning as a solution for equity and excellence in education.

Why summer matters



"Virtually all of the advantage that wealthy students have over poor students is the result of differences in the way privileged kids learn when they are not in school...America doesn't have a school problem. It has a summer vacation problem..."

Malcolm Gladwell, Outliers



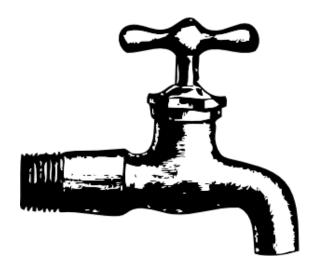
Why summer matters



- During the school year, resources are turned ON for all students because of equal access to public education.
 - Books
 - Teachers/mentors
 - Meals
 - Enrichment and academic support activities
 - Health services



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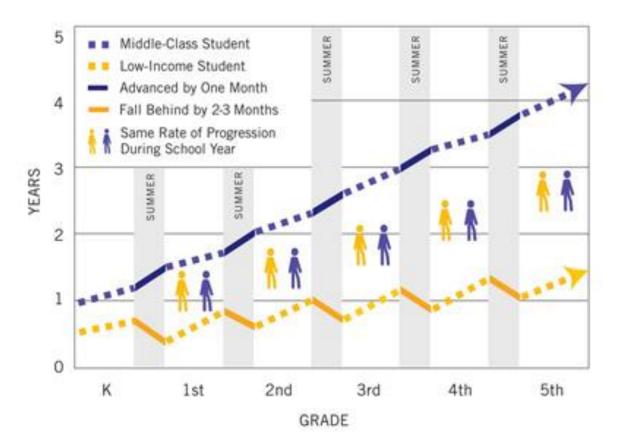
 During the summer, the faucet is turned OFF for low-income youth.

 A limited flow of resources in the summer has major implications for summer program quality.



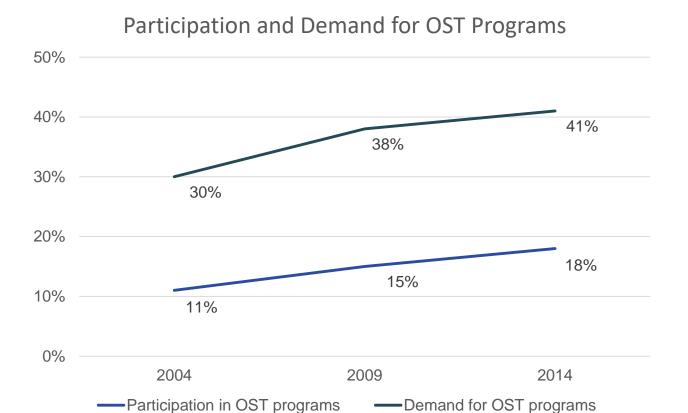
Summer by the numbers

Low-Income Students Fall 2.5 to 3 Years Behind by Fifth Grade





Demand vs. Access



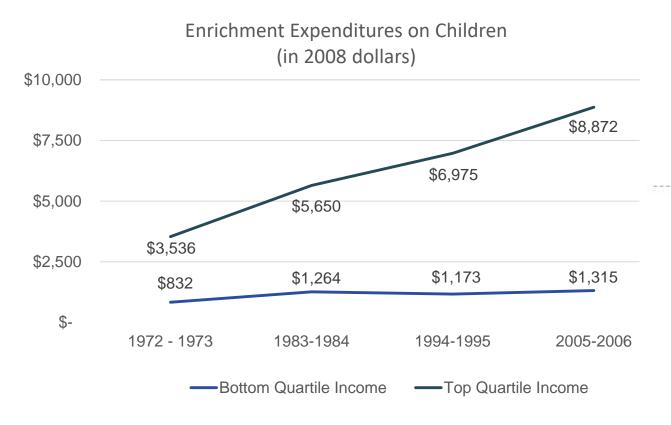
Summer 2014 51% demand

33% participation



Source: Afterschool Alliance. America After 3p.m. (2014)

The opportunity gap





Of families who pay for summer programs, the average weekly reported cost is \$2.88 PER CHILD

\$288 PER CHILD per week.



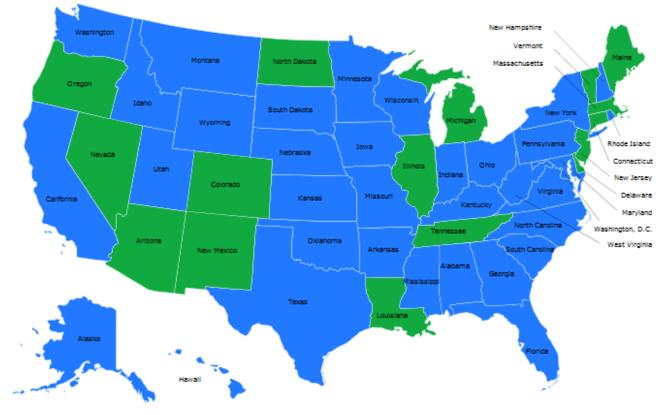
Source: Duncan, G. and Murnane, R. eds. Whither Opportunity? (2011)

Implications of Trump budget

- Eliminates the 21st Century Community Learning Center (21CCLC) program.
- Zero funds the ESSA Title IV Part A Student Support and Academic Enrichment (SSAE) grant program.
- Drastically reduces funding for Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) (includes AmeriCorps)
- Eliminates funding for Full Service Community Schools
- Level-funds Title I funding, asking schools to stretch those dollars further



Status of state ESSA plans



Source: http://essa.the74million.org/





Program highlights – state and local examples

- Oregon Summer Learning, Library, Lunch (SL3)
- Oakland (CA)
 Springboard
 Summer



Story starters

- America's \$60 Billion Education Conundrum
- Evidence and Excellence at Play in Award-Winning Summer Programs.
- A Monumental Shift in Public Housing:
 - How Public Housing Authorities are Working to Create Seamlesss Housing and Education Supports for Children
- Supply and Demand of Summer Programs
- Schools Out? Now What? Tips for Parents and Students in Having a Productive Summer
- National Summer Learning Day July 13.
 - See Summer Come Alive in a Local Program



National Summer Learning Day



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Thank you!

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