




**national summer
learning association**

**Tapping the power of summer
learning to expand opportunity
for all children**

 @SummerLearning




When We Talk About Summer learning...



We are really talking about:

- **Promoting Educational Equity**
- **Creating Opportunity**
- **Building Community**

Our Vision and Reach



Vision

To ensure all young people in America, regardless of background and income, can access and benefit from a high-quality summer learning experience every year.

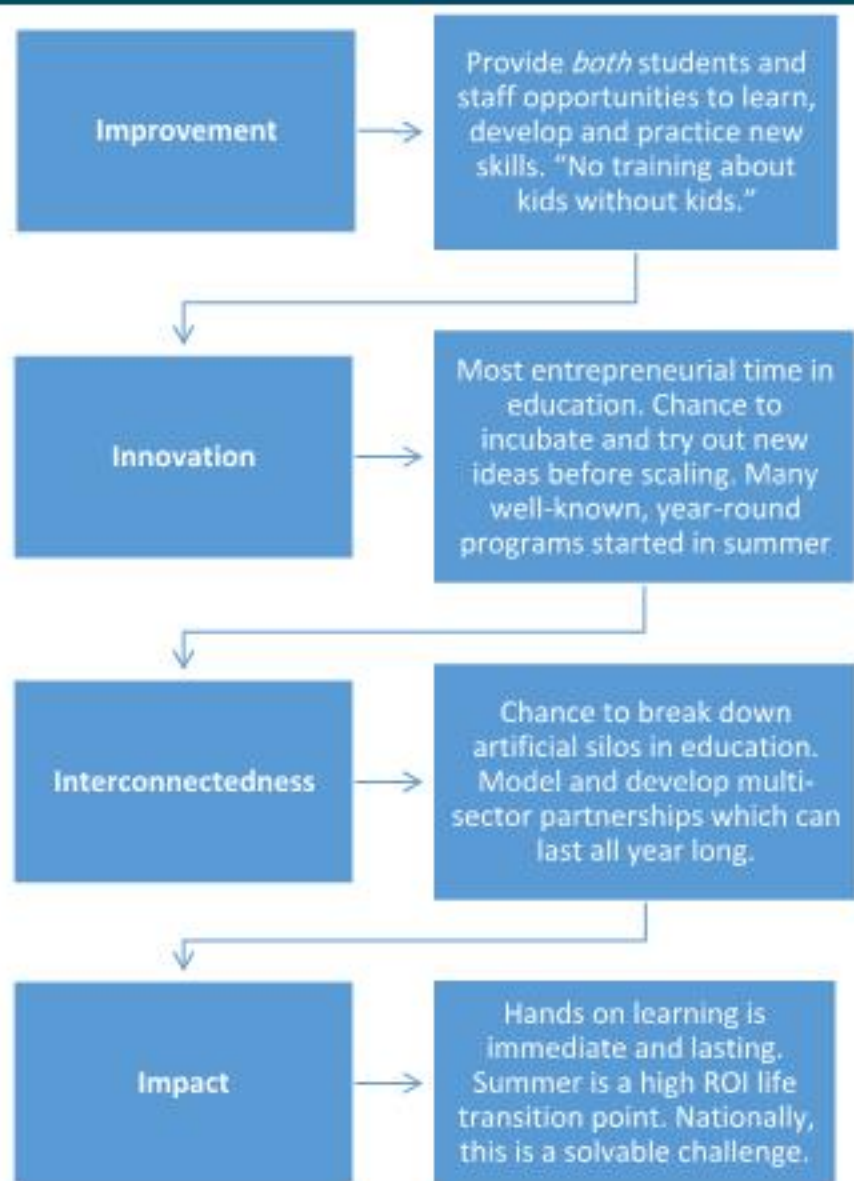
NSLA provides training and support around our (5Ps) **Program Quality, Policy, Partnerships, Public Awareness and People** (Leadership Development) to a network of 20,000 leaders representing:

- School Districts and State Education Agencies
- Youth-serving Government Agencies
- Non-profit and Community-based programs
- Summer Youth Employment and Internships

Summer School vs. Summer Learning

Summer School	Summer Learning
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Remedial Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• New and Accelerated Learning
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Punitive and Boring	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Exciting, Engaging, Experiential
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• School-based	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Multitude of Settings
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• “Academic-Only” Focus	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Combines Academics, Health, Enrichment, SEL
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mandatory Only for Some Students	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Voluntary and Open to All
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Adults Decide All	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Student Voice, Choice, and Leadership
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Feels No Different than School	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Unique and Special Experience & Culture

Start with “The Why?” NSLA’s 4 I’s of Summer



NSLA PARTNERSHIPS AT EVERY LEVEL



**U.S. Department of Education
Engage Every Student Initiative**



Wallace

**CCSSO & NSLA
State Summer Learning Network**



**FHI360
District Summer Learning Network**



**ACA & NSLA
Camp-School Partnership**

COVID-19:
**Hard for Everyone,
Worse for Some**



From Summer Learning Loss to COVID Learning Loss

- More than 200,000 US kids lost at least one parent or caregiver (Imperial College of London)
- Children fell far behind in school during the first year of the pandemic and have not caught up
- Math and reading levels were all lower than normal
- Shortfalls were largest for Black and Hispanic students and students in schools with high poverty rates

Source: [NWEA](#)



COVID-19's Impact on Mental Health

- [American Academy of Pediatrics recently declared a national state of emergency in children's mental health](#)
- Dramatic increases in ER visits for all mental health emergencies
- [According to the CDC, suspected suicide attempts by 12-17 year old girls rose by 51% from early 2019-to early 2021](#)



We've Been Here Before, a Century Ago

• Societal Changes and Challenges

- Immigration
- Urbanization
- Industrialization
- 1918 Spanish Flu Pandemic
- World War I (1914-1918)

• 1900-1920

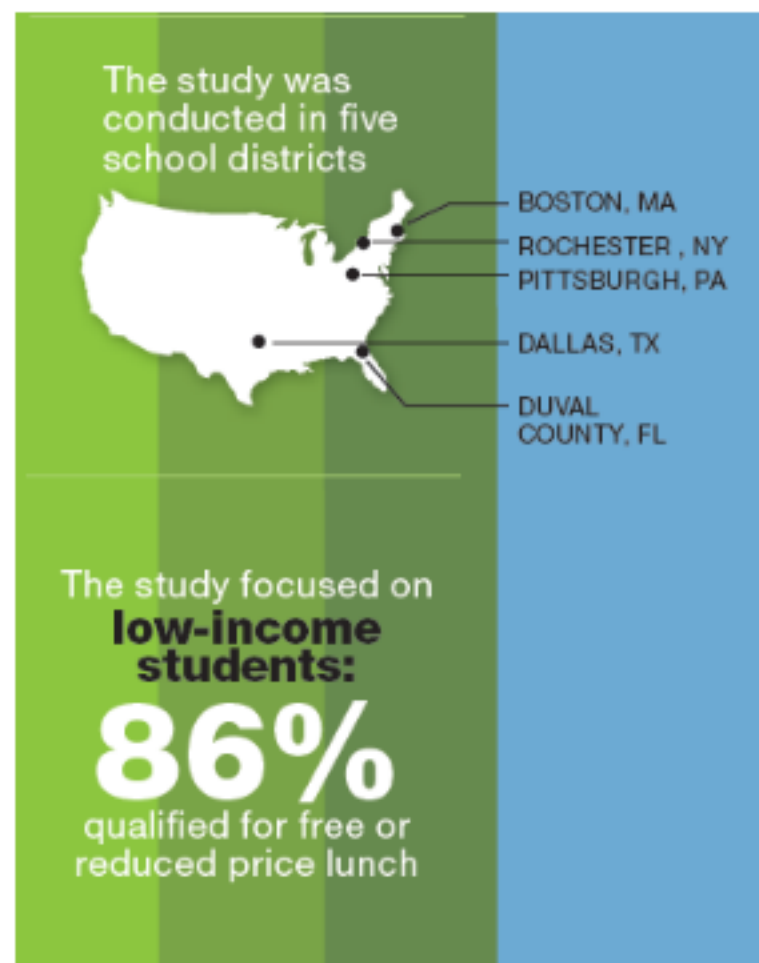
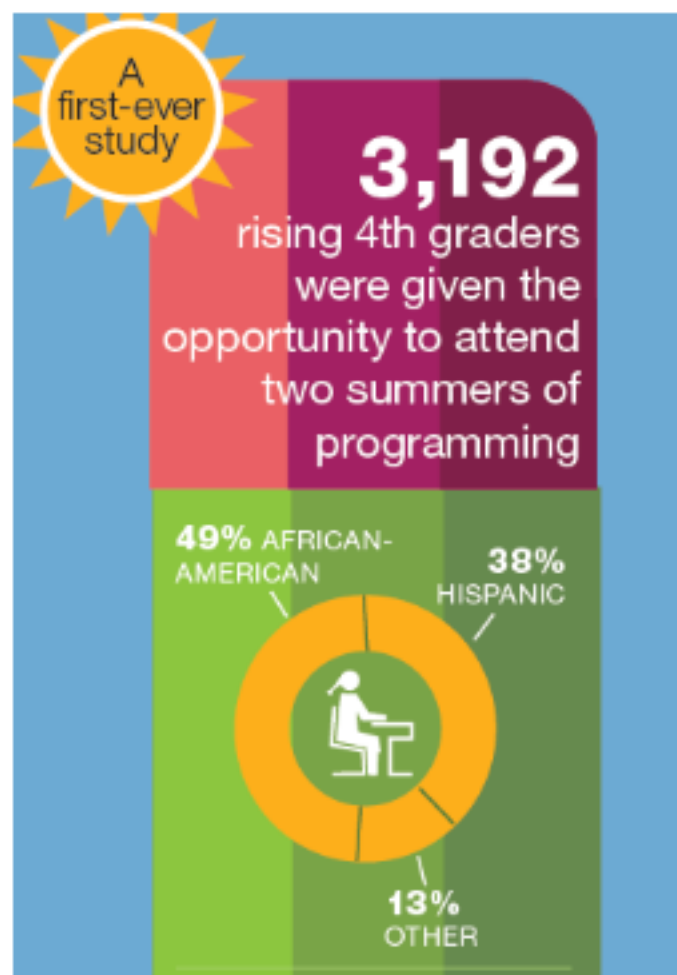
- 15 million+ people moved to US
- Many settled in cities
- Rise of Automation, Factories
- 675,000 American Deaths
- 117,000 US Deaths

We've Been Here Before, a Century Ago

Doubled Down on Community National Organization (Year Founded)

- | | |
|---|---|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 4-H (1901) | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• American Camp Association (1910) |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Goodwill Industries (1902) | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Boy Scouts (1910) |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Big Brothers (1903) | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Girl Scouts (1912) |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rotary (1905) | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community Chest renamed United Way (1913) |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Boys Clubs of America (1906) | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Kiwanis (1915) |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• YWCA (1906) | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• American Legion (1919) |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• NAACP (1909) | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• League of Women Voters (1920) |

We Know What Works: High-Quality Programs



Elements of Success RAND Research Study

Meet ESSA Tier 1 standards

5 week minimum

School-based

Academics + enrichment + SEL

43 Summer Programs Meet ESSA Standards

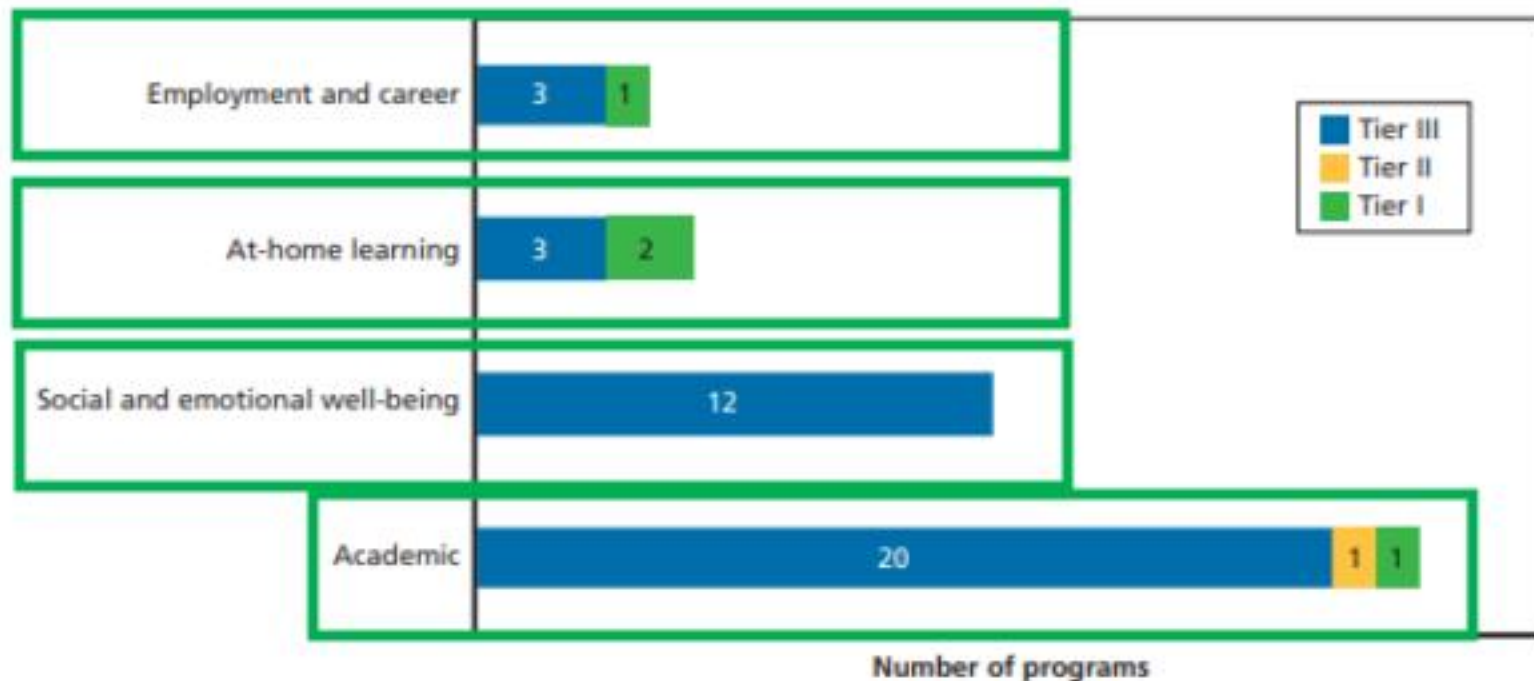
Investing in Successful Summer Programs

A Review of Evidence Under the Every Student Succeeds Act

Jennifer Sloan McCondk, Catherine H. Assandri, Fathi Unk,
Kathleen M. Ziol-Guest, Scott Nafel, Celia J. Gomez,
Tony Marsh, Goke Akintiranje, Ivy Todd

With detailed
descriptions of
43 evidence-
based summer
programs

Figure 3.1
Number of Summer Programs with ESSA Tier I–III Evidence, by Program Type



Summer Learning System-Building

NSLA's *Community Indicators of Effective Summer Learning Systems* identifies 6 key domains for summer system building:

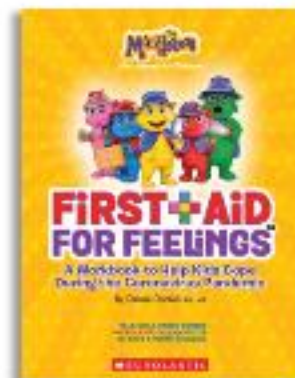
1. Shared Vision and Citywide Coordination
2. Engaged Leadership
3. Data Management System
4. Continuous Quality Improvement
5. Sustainable Resources
6. Marketing and Communications



Additional Resources



A Summer Like No Other: Lessons from the Field During COVID-19



Yale Child Study Center + Scholastic Collaborative for Child & Family Resilience



Summer Learning: A Bridge to Student Success and America's Recovery, a COVID-19 PLAYBOOK



Summer Starts in September Planning Guide



Wallace Summer Planning Toolkit

NSLA Signature Events, Services and Cohorts



1) Sign up at www.DiscoverSummer.org

2) Tap into NSLA's [Training and Support](#)

3) Join one of NSLA's [ten year round Professional Summer Learning Communities](#) (Academics, Arts, College Access etc.)



SUMMER LEARNING SUMMIT

OCTOBER 9-11, 2023 • WASHINGTON, DC

CELEBRATING 30 YEARS OF IMPACT

Focus on KIDS and “Preminiscing” About 2030



Thank you and Open Discussion!



Aaron Dworkin

Chief Executive Officer

National Summer Learning Association

Adworkin@summerlearning.org

