

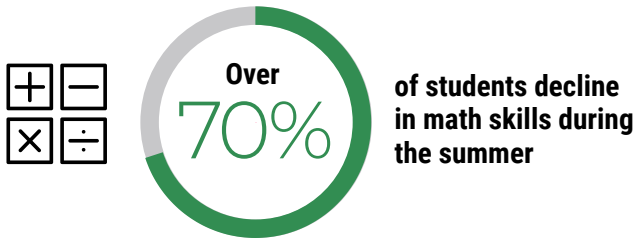
PROVIDING SUMMER EDUCATION PROGRAMS FOR YOUTH TO CLOSE ACADEMIC GAPS



PROBLEM

During the summer, 70% to 78% of elementary students experience a decline in math skills, and over half of the reading achievement gap is driven by unequal access to summer learning opportunities.

The COVID-19 pandemic intensified these issues, causing learning losses equivalent to half a year in math and a quarter year in reading. Setbacks are greater for low-income students and students of color, further widening educational disparities.



IMPACT

A national study of over 35,000 students revealed that students who participated in the Summer Boost 2023 program gained, on average:

3-4 weeks
ELA progress

4-5 weeks
Math progress



SOLUTION

Provide high-quality academic instruction to students during the summer months. Cities and their partners should offer at least 20 days of academic instruction in English Language Arts (ELA) and Math, aiming to close the achievement gap and promote equitable academic advancement.

After successful implementation in NYC, the model has been replicated in +7 cities, with interest from others across the US.

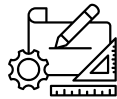
CHALLENGES THIS IDEA CAN HELP YOU NAVIGATE

- Summer learning loss and academic gaps for students falling behind
- Lack of integration of high-quality academic learning in established summer enrichment programs

ADOPT THIS IDEA: 3 KEY STEPS

Start by

Identifying local host sites (e.g., schools, community-based organizations, parks, etc.).



Program design **1**

Develop a program that follows best practices, ensuring at least three hours of daily instruction in English Language Arts and Math over a minimum of 20 days during the summer.



Recruit staff and students **2**

Hire qualified teachers and support staff to recruit students and deliver high-quality instruction. Ensure families understand the program's benefits and commit to 70%+ attendance throughout the summer.



Implement and enhance **3**

Launch the program and consider adding enrichment activities for full-day learning to provide a well-rounded educational experience.

