

Summer Learning

Loss and Assessment

The Stats



Students typically score lower on standardized tests at the end of summer than they do on the same tests at the beginning of summer

66%
of teachers

spend 3-4 weeks re-teaching course material at the beginning of each year



Low-income youth lose more than two months in reading achievement over summer vacation

24%
of teachers

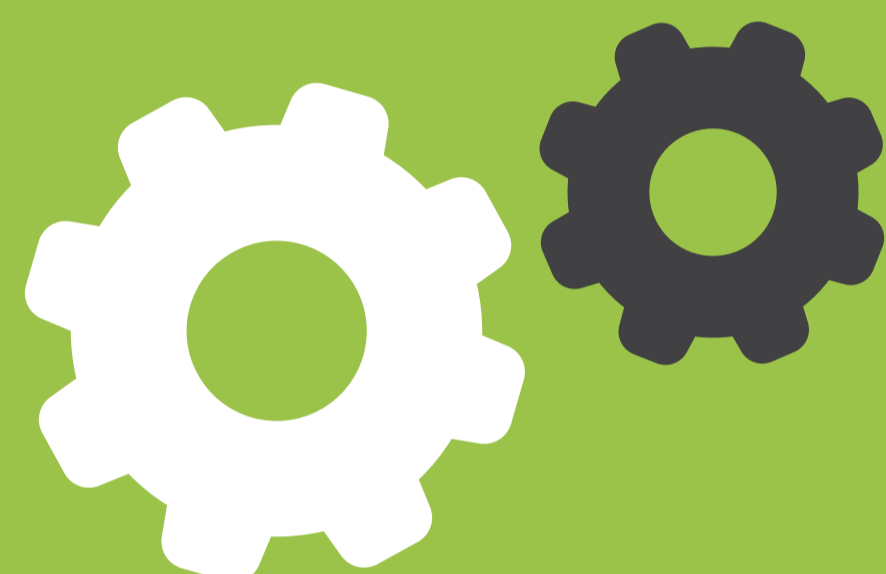
spend 5-6 weeks re-teaching material from the previous year



Two months
of grade-level equivalency in math skills are lost every summer



Closing the Gap with Summer Learning



Students participating in summer learning make significant gains in academic performance and testing

Evolution of Summer Learning

Early 1800s

Summers were part of the school year, as school was attended primarily during the winter and summer to allow for spring and fall planting and harvesting

Mid- to Late-1800s

School calendars were lengthened and rearranged to completely eliminate school in the summer. This was influenced by the aristocratic elite as summer was a time for vacations

Early 1900s

Vacation schools arose in urban areas and were largely nonacademic. They prioritized enrichment over a particular curriculum

After the 1920s

Vacation Schools morphed into summer schools which now primarily assist in advancement to the next grade or remediation for prior academic issues

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