



Learning Loss

Summary of Tennessee Learning Loss and Student Acceleration Act

for Parents and Families

The COVID-19 pandemic caused school closures throughout Tennessee that resulted in lost classroom time for students. On January 22, 2021, the Tennessee state legislature took bold action to create additional summer learning opportunities for students like yours. All school districts must offer new, summer learning programs, but your student would not be required to participate unless the school district adopts a policy that requires participation.

Programs

Starting this summer, all school districts in Tennessee will offer in-person learning camps for students in grades K-8. These camps include:

Summer learning camps for 1st – 5th grades

- 6 hours of instruction, 5 days a week for 6 weeks
- Offered in summer 2021 and summer 2022

After-school learning mini-camps for 1st – 5th grades

- Additional 1 hour after-school component, 4 days a week for 6 weeks, providing a full day of child-care
- Offered in summers of 2021 and 2022

Learning loss bridge camps

- 6 hours of instruction, 5 days a week for 4 weeks
- Will be offered in summer 2021 and every summer thereafter
- For summer 2021, available to students entering grades 6-8
- For every summer after 2021, available to students entering grades 4-8

Student Eligibility

These summer learning camps will be made available to all students in grades K-8. If there is more demand than seats available, then districts will prioritize seats for students who are struggling academically.



Tutoring

In addition to the summer programs, a new Tennessee corps of tutors will be created, and there may be additional tutoring opportunities for your child during the school year.

Additional Pathways to Proficiency

Reading on grade-level by the end of third grade is critical for students' long-term success. Starting in the 2022-23 school year there will be additional supports for 3rd grade students who aren't reading at grade-level. This includes access to the summer camps and being assigned a full-time tutor. Students who are still struggling may be required to repeat the 3rd grade, a decision that would include the school and the family.