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YMCA OF METROPOLITAN DALLAS

SUMMER LEARNING ACADEMIES

PREVENTING SUMMER LEARNING LOSS IN AT-RISK YOUTH

WHY IT MATTERS

For at-risk kids, a few months off in the summer can lead to major setbacks in school, including loss of knowledge and lowered test scores. Research indicates that two-thirds of the income-based achievement gap is attributed to summer learning loss; students who experience summer learning loss are on average two years behind their peers.

WHAT WE DO

In 2021, the Dallas Y operated Summer Learning Academies at three schools for 176 low-income youth who are at risk of falling behind their peers. For 5 weeks, teachers from each school provided engaging math and literacy lessons in the morning, and the Y provided fun, structured, camp-like activities in the afternoon.

66% OF LOW-INCOME
STUDENTS DO NOT
MEET GRADE LEVEL STANDARDS



HOW IT HELPS

The goal of SLAs is to prevent summer learning loss and ensure future academic success for children who are struggling to perform at grade level. SLAs are designed so that students can enjoy their summer while also improving their math and reading abilities and avoiding the summer slide.

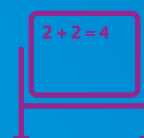
2021 PROGRAM IMPACT

In 2021, we served 176 students at Dunbar Elementary and Ebby Halliday Elementary in Dallas ISD and at Vitosky Elementary in Midlothian ISD. 75% of the students attended at least half the program and of those students, 77% increased their scores in reading and 81% increased their scores in math.

Since we began Summer Learning Academies in 2018, we've served 328 students across five campuses.



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