

Accelerate Learning

in your Home



The opportunity to *accelerate* learning to make up for lost instructional time due to COVID-19 is a top priority for families, schools, and community organizations across Indiana. To support the planning process, the Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) encourages families to consider the following strategies to help students transition from one grade level to the next.

Working With Your Student's School

Connecting with your child's teacher can provide important insight into areas where your child has excelled this year and areas where gaps may exist. Below are several suggestions to help you begin this conversation:

- What subject does my child excel in/enjoy the most?
- What subject area challenges/frustrates my child the most?
- What specific skills does my child need to work on for the next school year?
- Will the school library be open during the summer?
- Does the school/corporation offer summer learning programs for my child?
- What special education services will be available for my child during the summer?
- When/where will meals be served during the summer?

The Three Cs

Families should consider developing a plan for their students that contains the three Cs found in the [National Summer Learning Association's Summer Learning Playbook](#):



Commitment: Establish family commitment to summer fun and learning.



Collaboration: Contact your child's school district and community organizations for resource recommendations.



Connection: Stay in touch with your student's school and teachers throughout the summer.

Tips and Tricks

Focus on programs to involve your student in reading, writing and math. Look for resources to help you keep your student engaged in learning. Here are a couple of tips:



Check out what summer reading programs are available at your local library.



Complete IDOE's [continuous learning challenges](#) for summer.



Review the Accelerated Learning website for a full list of resources.

High School: Employability Skills

Ask your student's school about ways to help your high school student learn [employability skills](#). These skills are found in Indiana's [Graduation Pathways](#). One way students can gain employability skills is through [service learning](#). Learn more about service learning on this [website](#).