Summer School Planning Checklist

Seven Questions You Must Ask When Planning a Summer School Program

We understand the challenges that you may face surrounding teacher shortages and budget constraints, and we know that these limitations can make planning a summer school program difficult. So, we’ve created this guide to help you plan an effective, engaging, and affordable summer school program.

Seven considerations when planning an effective summer school program:

☐ Do you have the content you need?
  Make sure you are delivering content that is high quality, state and/or Common Core standards-aligned, and proven to be effective. Partnering with a content provider can help ease the stress of having to create new content just for the summer; plus, you can add courses that you may not be able to provide during the school year.

☐ Do you have the variety of content that your students need?
  Students love variety and have many reasons for needing or wanting summer school. Consider what will meet their needs this summer, and offer a range of courses for a variety of academic needs, including credit recovery, advanced placement, acceleration, and remediation.

☐ Are you staffed appropriately?
  Ensure that you have the staff to handle the program size and variety of courses your summer school program will need. A virtual school can ease the stress of staffing and help you expand the courses you can offer this summer.

☐ Is your program going to keep students engaged?
  Be sure that all of your programs provide elements to engage your students, such as interactive media-rich content, activities, games, and learning tools.

☐ How are you going to enable personalized learning for each student?
  By offering your students a personalized approach to learning that works for all the different types of learners in your program, you can promote increased motivation, engagement, and achievement.

☐ Will you program be flexible and easy to manage?
  Give your program administrators easy-to-use tools and resources to monitor and track student progress and growth.

☐ Is your summer school program going to fit within your budget?
  Help your bottom line by investing in solutions that will allow you to provide more for your teachers and students for less of your budget. Make sure that they are flexible, easy to use, and affordable.
Summer is nearly upon us – are you ready?

Now is the perfect time to plan your summer school program and ensure that it will be effective, engaging, and affordable. Edmentum provides solutions tailored to your needs.

**PLATO® COURSEWARE**

**Effective Online Courseware**
*Grades 6-12*

Create a 21st century summer school program with Plato Courseware. Our high quality, standards aligned content meets a variety of student needs, including original credit, supplemental learning, credit recovery, unit recovery, and extended learning.

- Robust flexibility allows you to customize and optimize the content to meet your unique summer school needs
- Interactive content keeps students engaged in their learning during summer months
- Wide range of subjects, electives, global languages, and Advanced Placement® offerings offer summer school courses that may not be available during the traditional school year

**EdOptions ACADEMY™**

**Virtual Solutions Partner**
*Grades 6-12*

Partner with EdOptions Academy to run a successful summer school program. Our fully-accredited summer school solution delivers effective online courses your students need and want paired with virtual instruction.

- Highly qualified and certified online teachers give you the flexibility to operate a cost-effective program throughout the summer months
- Quality, standards-aligned, and media rich content keep students engaged all summer long
- Expansive course offerings meet a wide range of your students’ needs

**Study Island®**

**Test Preparation and Standards Mastery**
*Grades K-12*

Sharpen your students’ skills over the summer with Study Island. Our flexible and highly customizable program will fit perfectly into any element of your summer school program.

- Built-in lessons provide a quick review of the content
- Teacher resources including real-time student reports support summer school teachers as they navigate new content
- Interactive animations, activities, and short games reward students and keep them engaged during summer months

**EducationCity®**

**Engaging Practices and Instruction**
*Grades PreK-6*

Provide individualized instruction with interactive activities this summer to get your students engaged in their learning while having fun with EducationCity.

- Fun and engaging language arts, math, and science content correlated to state and Common Core standards
- Whole-class, small-group, or one-on-one lessons and activities for topic introduction and skills reinforcement
- Real-time progress monitoring tracks student success
- Built-in tools provide prescriptive functionality to enhance RTI, remediation, and special education programs