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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 your 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.