Academic Recovery Specialist

Under the direction of the Office of School Improvement, the Academic Recovery Specialist provides instructional support and coaching to educators and assists schools in addressing learning "opportunity" loss resulting from COVID-19. ARS members are liaisons between the district and school needs and state agency supports and resources. At the request of districts, schools, and the Office of School Improvement, they provide proactive support to schools outside of the federally identified schools list. ARS members support and sustain professional learning communities. They analyze data, set instructional goals, provide individualized coaching and modeling, and prepare and deliver professional development. Using evidence-based strategies, an ARS member will identify and scale up innovative and high-leverage instructional practices.

Learning Loss Support Form

Districts or schools complete the Learning Loss Support Form (LLSF) as the initial step for support. The LLSF allows districts and schools to proactively reach out to an ARS member requesting targeted support tailored to the individual needs of their school or district. Once the completed LLSF form is submitted, an ARS team member will reach out to the specified point of contact to schedule a meeting to determine the next steps.

Summer Slide

Would you be surprised to learn that pre-pandemic learning loss isn't uncommon? Likewise, post-pandemic learning loss shouldn't come as a surprise either. So how do we help with the summer slide or the academic loss during the summer months? This month's newsletter is dedicated to helpful tips you, as educators, can add to your toolbox and ways to engage your scholars and their families while they're home preparing for the next school year.

Professional Learning Opportunities

GaDOE Community and Georgia Tech offer courses over the summer to help sharpen your skills as an educator. Consider visiting the following links:

GaDOE Professional Learning Opportunities
Georgia Tech CEISMC Professional Development Savannah Campus
Metro RESA PL Courses

Online Reading Material

Summer Slide
Project Based Learning Summer Slide
Learning Loss Solutions

Educating Georgia’s Future

Parent Family Engagement: Literacy

- Visit your local library and engage in virtual and local events.
- Play a board game and have your scholar read the directions and share their understanding of the rules.
- Sequential Order: Consider having your scholar cook with you in the kitchen and list the steps in the recipe.
- Read or listen to audiobooks for at least 20 minutes daily.

Parent Family Engagement: Math Literacy

Use a standard deck of cards or dice:
Operations and Algebraic Thinking:
- Addition/Subtraction/Multiplication/Division (2 players): Deal two to four cards or dice to each player and add, subtract, multiply, or divide the cards from each player’s hand.

Fractions:
- Deal up to 12 cards and make fractional parts—number of black or red cards out of total number of cards dealt. Can these fractions be simplified?

Order of Operations Dice:
- Roll at least four dice and decide which operations to place between each die. Don’t forget brackets and parentheses.

Math in my community:
- Visit local home improvement store for free classes and construct DIY projects.
- Calculate the distance from your home to your next destination.
- Road Signs: Identify shapes of street signs, read and say highway exit sign numbers, place value, and ascending and descending exit sign numbers.
- Graph packs of Skittles, M&M's, Starbursts, and other treats.

Summer Programs

Georgia Tech All Girls Summer Program
K12 STEM Summer Camps
Summer Slide and ADHD
UGA Summer Camp Academy

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