



FACT SHEET

Partners

Allendale Columbia Summer LEAP
EnCompass: Resources for Learning
Horizons at Harley
Horizons at Warner/University of Rochester
Soaring Stars at SUNY Geneseo
Summer LEAP at SUNY Brockport
Summer LEAP at West Irondequoit
Summer LEAP Pre-K Sites

Greater Rochester Summer Learning Association
Education Success Foundation

Original Focus

The programs originally convened to identify ways to support more RCSD students when the RCSD notified the community it would no longer support summer learning programs or transportation to programs.

Revised Focus

In light of COVID-19 the program partners continued to plan for onsite programming and remote programming if our area would not be able to operate in person daily sessions. The focus of the collaborative effort shifted to maintaining connections with students and their families and assisting families in meeting basic needs.

What will programs look like this summer?

Programs will run for six weeks beginning July 6th. Each week families will pick up or receive a PBL Bag that will have an engaging project-based learning activity and everything needed to work on and complete it. Projects will be designed with the student's grade level in mind and each activity will include about one hour of work per day each week. Students and families will each have an easily understood guide to help work through the project. Students and parents will receive a check-in call to see how the project is progressing and to answer questions and assist. In many cases the students who have been attending these summer programs will be interacting with teachers they know or have worked with in a prior summer.

Are these going to be online summer programs?

No. These are remote summer programs that will have "hands-on minds-on" project-based learning activities to engage with each week. There will be phone and video check-ins and limited group Zoom meetings but no child will have too much screen time because of these summer programs – they will have lots of fun and learn new things too!

Do these program cost anything for students and families?

No.

Will there be other supports?

Yes. Families that request food support will also receive a Foodlink food pack each time they receive their PBL Bag. Each program will make connections for families to community supports as needed.

Will there be any onsite programs or field trips?

We all hope so, but we must follow state and local health guidelines first for the health of students, families and staff. If we can have several "field trips" we will inform families well in advance and will follow all health and social distancing protocols. These field trips would be in small groups, would not mix with other groups and would focus on an opportunity to safely interact with other students. Students would not have to attend these to participate in the program if parents did not want them to participate.

What about next summer, 2021?

In the future the program leaders fully intend to have onsite programs but they are also excited to learn from their collaboration to improve their own program quality and to find ways to run programs more efficiently so that more students can participate.