

RISE *Summer Program*

EFFECTIVENESS



2024 Case Study:

Summer Learning Labs

OVERVIEW:

The Summer Learning Labs (SLL), initiated in Indianapolis in 2021 by The Mind Trust and United Way of Central Indiana, leveraged the Lavinia RISE Summer Learning Program to accelerate student achievement through the state's Student Learning Recovery Grant. Early success showing significant academic growth led the Indiana Department of Education to expand the model statewide in 2024, serving nearly 9,000 students across five regions. Managed by The Mind Trust and supported by Lavinia Group's curriculum, the program focused on grade-level ELA and math learning, emphasizing critical thinking and state standard alignment. The 2024 report highlights consistent, measurable gains in academic proficiency across all regions, showcasing the RISE Summer Learning Program as a powerful tool to close learning gaps.



[Read the Full Report Here](#)

The 2024 Summer Learning Lab locations and partners included:

Indy Summer Learning Labs | IN: **5,300+ students at 52 sites**

Boys and Girls Clubs | South Bend, IN: **2,500+ students at 16 sites**

DHB & Associates and Urban League | Gary, IN: **700+ students at 22 sites**

YMCA | Wabash, IN: **200+ students at 2 sites**

Creating Avenues for Student Transformation | Salem, IN: **100+ students at 2 sites**



Results

THE RESULTS FROM THE PRE- TO THE POST-ASSESSMENTS REVEALED:

All students enrolled achieved a **26** percentage point increase in English/language arts (ELA) proficiency and a **24** percentage point increase in math.

Black students achieved a **25** percentage point increase in ELA proficiency and a **24** percentage point increase in math.

Latino students achieved a **28** percentage point increase in ELA proficiency and a **27** percentage point increase in math.

Students receiving free/reduced-price meals achieved a **26** percentage point increase in ELA proficiency and a **24** percentage point increase in math.

English learners achieved a **21** percentage point increase in ELA proficiency and a **25** percentage point increase in math.

"The data presented today by The Mind Trust shows that the Summer Learning Labs are increasing academic achievement and that it is a scalable model for more communities across Indiana."

Dr. Katie Jenner

Secretary of Education

Indiana Department of Education



IMPLICATIONS:

Building on these findings, the Indiana Department of Education is dedicated to expanding the scale and reach of Summer Learning Labs, aiming to serve 15,000 students by Summer 2025.

2023 Case Study: Summer Boost



OVERVIEW:

The 2023 Summer Boost initiative, funded by Bloomberg Philanthropies and partners, supports rising 1st - to 9th-grade charter students in select cities nationwide to accelerate learning and drive academic recovery in English Language Arts and math.

All participating schools could use the Lavinia RISE Summer Learning Program or a different program of their choosing. In the Summer of 2023, 54% of grantees choose to use the Lavinia RISE Program and saw measurable results.

[Read the Full Study Here](#)

To understand the potential of high-quality summer programming to support students in recovering from the impact of COVID-19 and accelerate learning, Bloomberg Philanthropies commissioned a quasi-experimental study on the impact of Summer Boost 2023 on student achievement.

Results

The dataset comprised over **160,000** students across **193** grantees, including approximately **35,000** Summer Boost students and **125,000** comparison group students. The evaluators used two methods to measure student progress:

(1) A Difference in Differences (DiD) analysis comparing i-Ready and MAP Growth scores between participating and non-participating students.

(2) Pre- and post-assessments created by Lavinia Group and reviewed by outside evaluators.

Results showed clear academic gains: Summer Boost participants gained **4-5 additional weeks of math learning and 3-4 weeks in English Language Arts compared to their peers**. These gains represent **31% recovery in math and 22% in ELA of the learning interrupted by COVID-19**. The program benefited students from all groups, including English Language Learners, students of color, and students from low-income families.



IMPLICATIONS:

Based on these findings, **Summer Boost** renewed its commitment in Summer 2024 to provide high-quality learning for charter school students in seven U.S. cities.

Indiana Department of Education 2021 Summer Learning Recovery Grant Program Report

OVERVIEW:

In November 2022, the Indiana Department of Education partnered with the National Center for Assessments to conduct an external study to evaluate the academic acceleration achieved by students participating in a Student Learning Recovery Grant program. The Indiana General Assembly established the program through House Enrolled Act 1008-2021 to fund eligible entities providing recovery learning and remediation to students in kindergarten through grade 12.

[Read the Full Study Here](#)



One program highlighted in the study is the Indy Summer Learning Labs program, a summer program using the Lavinia RISE Summer Learning Program made available to 3,000 students in Indianapolis.

Results

The study revealed that students who participated in Indy Summer Learning Labs using the RISE Summer Learning Program achieved statistically significant gains, as measured by increases in student growth percentiles (SGPs) on ILEARN, above their pre-pandemic rates of learning and did better than their peers who did not participate in the program.

ELA

Participants gained

4.5 SGPs

Non-participants declined by

2 SGPs

MATH

Participants gained

4.6 SGPs

Non-participants declined by

3.8 SGPs

"As the core academic program for Indy Summer Learning Labs, Lavinia Group's professional development, curriculum, and coaching practices and strategies directly contributed to statistically significant learning acceleration."

Ronald D. Sandlin III

Senior Director, School

Performance and Transformations
Indiana Department of Education



IMPLICATIONS:

Based on these findings, the Indy Summer Learning Labs has expanded to serve 5,500 students in Indianapolis. Additionally, the Indiana Department of Education expanded opportunities for regional partners across the state to participate in the Summer RISE Learning Program through the [Expanding What Works Grant Program](#).