



STATE OF ALABAMA
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MEMORANDUM

TO: City and County Superintendents of Education

FROM: Eric G. Mackey *EGM*
State Superintendent of Education

RE: 2026 K-12 Summer Program Registration, Planning, Reporting, and Data Collection

Per the *Alabama Administrative Code*, Regulations Governing Public Schools, Public School Governance, Chapter 290-3-1-.02(6SS), Registration of Summer School, “All public schools conducting a summer school shall file a registration report with the Alabama State Department of Education (ALSDE) **no later than the end of the first week of summer school.**”

The superintendent and/or the principal(s) administering summer programming shall be responsible for organizing the program and registering it with the ALSDE. Summer programs are approved by the local school board of education and administered by a certified administrator for each individual school/site where a program is located within a school system. These programs include kindergarten through fifth grade reading and math camps, sixth through twelfth grade credit recovery/remediation, and summer enrichment opportunities at both the elementary level (kindergarten through fifth grade) and secondary level (sixth through twelfth grade).

Requirements for summer 2026 program registration, planning, data collection, and reporting include the following:

Grades K-12 Summer Program Registration

Superintendents or a designated local education agency (LEA) summer program contact must indicate whether in-person or virtual programs are being offered to *any* K-12 student in summer 2026 through the PowerSchool Student Information Systems (SIS) platform. Materials in the [K-12 Summer Program Registration folder](#) will provide specific guidance for this process. *This information must be submitted no later than the end of the first week of the summer program.*

Grades K-12 Summer Program Planning

To streamline summer programming guidance, the ALSDE has collaboratively developed [K-12 Guidance for Summer Programming in Alabama](#). This document provides guidance in implementing Alabama Reading Initiative (ARI) and Office of Mathematics Improvement (OMI) legislation, in addition to outlining other quality summer learning opportunities for K-12 students. It includes requirements for summer reading and math programs for Grades K-5 and recommendations and resources based on research into effective summer learning practices for students across all grade levels. This document can also be accessed on the [Office of Extended Learning \(OXL\) website](#).

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Grades K-5 Summer Reading and Math Camp Reporting and Data Collection

- A. The [2026 K-5 Summer Learning Camp Locations and Budget Form](#) is due **before spring break 2026**. This form will assist the ALSDE regional staff in summer learning support. The ARI and OMI regional staff are available for planning, support, and assistance. The [ETF Budget](#) memo and [Supplemental Appropriations](#) memo provide funding amounts for school districts for summer programs.
- B. The OXL has partnered with ARI and OMI to provide a [PowerSchool Analytics & Insights Guidance for K-5 Summer Camps folder](#) with specific guidance for collecting and reporting summer learning camp information. *Interventions for K-5 reading and math camps should be closed at the end of summer camp, and all reporting requirements should be completed by Monday, September 14, 2026.*

Grades 6-12 Summer Programming Reporting and Data Collection

Secondary schools that provide enrichment *or* remedial programming during the summer for sixth through twelfth grade students will also collect and report summer learning program information. Specific guidance for this process is located in the [PowerSchool Analytics & Insights Guidance for 6-12 Summer Programming folder](#). *Interventions for secondary summer programs should be closed at the end of the programs.*

If you have any questions regarding summer programming, please direct them to:

- Mr. Jeff Norris at jeff.norris@alsde.edu for Overarching Summer Learning Guidance.
- Ms. Karen Rutledge-Bell at krbell@alsde.edu or ARI Regional Literacy Leadership Specialists for K-3 Summer Reading Camps.
- Dr. Karen Anderson at kanderson1@alsde.edu or OMI Regional Coordinators for K-5 Summer Math Camps.
- Ms. Cristin Dillard at cdillard@alsde.edu for 9-12 credit recovery.

Any other questions may be directed to Mr. Jeff Norris, Education Specialist, Office of Extended Learning, by telephone at 334-694-4927 or by email at jeff.norris@alsde.edu.

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