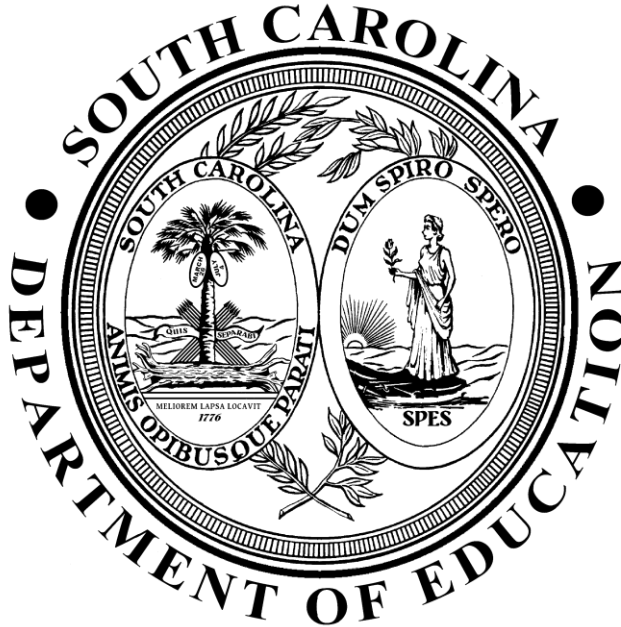


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Introduction

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, summer learning looked very different than prior years for early learners. This summer, districts had the option to choose between multiple summer learning options, including:

- Academic Recovery Camp (ARC): Districts who elected to receive the state's allocation operated a face-to-face literacy and math program for K-3 students.
- Summer Reading Camp (SRC): Districts had flexibility with their annual SRC allocation, and could use the funding to host a traditional camp or virtual/remote camp when feasible.
- District-funded/led summer learning: Some districts operated targeted summer learning or summer reading programs for early learners. District summer learning could be face-to-face, remote/virtual, or a hybrid model.

Summer Learning Enrollment

This summer, districts enrolled 9,065 K-3 students compared to 8,980 in 2018–19. As in prior years, districts served the highest number of students in the second and third grades; however, districts chose to serve more early learners than in prior years, likely due to the importance of preventing the summer learning and COVID-19 slide for beginning readers.

Table 1: K-3 Student Enrollment in Summer Learning by Grade Level, 2018-19 and 2019-20

Year	Kindergarten	First Grade	Second Grade	Third Grade
2018-19	410	768	2092	5710
2019-20	1200	2016	2471	3378

Districts served approximately 3,240 K-3 students face-to-face and 6,420 remotely¹. Districts who operated face-to-face camps reported that about 46% of invited students ultimately enrolled in camps; this is significantly lower than prior years, and due to the large number of parents who opted out of physical summer learning for their children. Districts chose which students to invite based a variety of data, including winter formative assessment results (ex. MAP and STAR), classroom assessment data, and information from teachers on which students needed more intensive support due to the spring school closures.

While districts only received ARC funds for students in grades K-3, some chose to serve 4th and 5th grade students using other funding sources. Districts served approximately 200 4th and 5th grade students face-to-face, and served approximately 930 students remotely.

Summer Learning Implementation

Statewide, districts offered elementary summer learning in the following ways:

- 25 districts offered face-to-face summer learning only;
- 34 districts offered virtual/remote summer learning only;
- 14 districts offered both face-to-face and virtual summer learning; and
- 7 districts offered no summer learning.

¹ Approximately 600 K-3 students were served both face-to-face and remotely.

Face-to-Face Summer Learning

Districts provided intensive instruction in ELA and Math during camps, with a focus on the standards required for successful grade-level mastery as well as standards needed for the next grade level. All districts utilized small groups and/or one-on-one instructions to both meet student academic needs and to also comply with CDC guidelines. The SCDE provided guidance on recommended length of instruction and standards for both face-to-face and virtual classrooms. Many districts also embedded social-emotional learning and physical activity in to their daily schedules. Below is a sample of a typical daily schedule for Saluda County School District's summer camp—many districts utilized a similar instructional schedule for their K-3 students.

Each day, Saluda students received the following:

- *Morning Instruction*
 - 20 minute opening circle
 - 120 minute literacy block
 - 30 minute guidance/SEL lesson
 - 30 minute centers
- *Recess and Lunch*
- *Afternoon Instruction*
 - 30 minute media center
 - 30 minute ESOL/additional guided reading
 - 30 minute 4-H enrichment lesson with Clemson Extension
 - 60 minute math instruction with centers
 - 10 minute closing circle

Remote/Virtual Summer Learning

Districts offering remote summer learning used a variety of methods to deliver instruction, including both synchronous and asynchronous virtual lessons. Similar to districts offering face-to-face camps, the majority of remote learning instruction focused on the core ELA and Math standards needed to move successfully to the next grade level. Many remote learning districts incorporated formal SEL lessons and regular check-ins with students and parents to ensure that childrens' academic, physical, and mental health needs were being met during the summer.

Examples of remote summer learning implementation:

- **Rock Hill Schools** provided students with 2½ hours of focused, intentional daily instruction. Teachers began each day with virtual morning meetings where students participated in an SEL lesson, following by reading, writing, and math mini-lessons. Each teacher then held one-on-one, 30 minute conferences with each student while other students completed independent work and reading based on the day's lesson. Students were also provided daily Special Areas enrichment in art, music, media, and guidance.
- In **Greenwood 50** schools, teachers engaged students in virtual, small group instruction in ELA and math, and used the SeeSaw program each day for students to complete and submit independent work. The district also provided all students with grade-appropriate book sets that were used for both independent reading and small group instruction in an effort to maintain reading stamina over the summer. Students also completed iReady virtual activities and lessons as well as daily activities in Amira, a virtual early reading program that offers personalized lessons for students based on their reading level.

- Students in **Charleston County** received 40 minutes of direct small group instruction and math and ELA daily, with a maximum students to teacher ratio of 4:1. Each student also received an individualized “virtual learning pathway” for the summer that matched them with appropriate lessons and materials. The district also offered SEL activities and virtual field trips.

Summer Learning Curriculum

Districts used a mix of set curriculum and teacher-developed lessons during both face-to-face and remote learning. To meet the needs of all educators offering summer instruction, the Office of Early Learning and Literacy developed month-long units in ELA and Math for grades K-3 (found on the SC Remote Learning website). These included daily video lessons that could be used directly for instruction, or used as model lessons for teachers when developing instructional plans. Many districts used these units to guide their summer programs, and supplemented with other materials and/or adaptive learning programs such as Dreambox, Amira, iReady, and Edmentum.

Summer Learning Progress

Districts offering an ARC were required under Act 142 to offer one of the five pre- and post-assessments. Districts offering a SRC or other form of summer learning were not required to offer a standard pre- and post-assessment due to the unique nature of camps this summer. The Office of Data and Research Analysis (ORDA) contracted Education Analytics to develop a third-party study of ARC outcomes, and those results [may be found here](#).

One component of the Act 284 is a third grade retention policy, which directs districts to retain third grade students who are significantly behind grade level in reading. Students that meet one or more Good Cause Exemption may be promoted to the fourth grade. At the conclusion of the 2018-19 school year and SRC, districts reported retaining 202 third grade students. At the conclusion of the 2019–20 school year and summer camps, districts retained 219 third grader students.

Appendix A: District Summer Learning by Delivery Method

The following districts offered face-to-face summer learning only:

Abbeville
Aiken
Anderson 01
Anderson 02
Anderson 03
Bamberg 01
Bamberg 02
Barnwell 19
Barnwell 29
Chester
Darlington
Dillon 03
Dillon 04
Florence 02
Florence 03
Florence 04
Florence 05
Greenwood 52
Hampton 01
McCormick
Saluda
Spartanburg 03
Spartanburg 05
Union
York 02

The following districts offered virtual/remote summer learning only:

Allendale
Anderson 05
Barnwell 45
Beaufort
Calhoun
Charleston
Clarendon 01
Clarendon 02
Colleton
Dorchester 02
Dorchester 04
Fairfield
Greenwood 50
Greenwood 51
Hampton 02
Jasper

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Kershaw
Lancaster
Lee
Lexington 01
Lexington 02
Marion
Marlboro
Oconee
Orangeburg
Richland 01
Richland 02
Spartanburg 01
Spartanburg 04
Spartanburg 06
Spartanburg 07
Sumter
Williamsburg
York 03

The following districts offered both face-to-face and virtual summer learning:

Anderson 04
Berkeley
Cherokee
Chesterfield
Edgefield
Erskine Charter
Florence 01
Lexington 04
Lexington/Richland 05
Pickens
SC Public Charter School District
Spartanburg 02
York 01
York 04

The following districts did not offer summer learning:

Georgetown
Greenville
Horry
Laurens 55
Laurens 56
Lexington 03
Newberry

Appendix B: Summer Learning Overview by District

District Name	Face-to-Face Learning	Virtual/Remote Learning	No Summer Learning	Total Kindergarten Enrollment	Total First Grade Enrollment	Total Second Grade Enrollment	Total Third Grade Enrollment	Total K-3 Enrollment
Abbeville	X			0	0	16	14	30
Aiken	X			111	132	106	180	529
Allendale		X		6	3	2	24	35
Anderson 01	X			24	26	39	57	146
Anderson 02	X			0	0	11	5	16
Anderson 03	X			0	12	31	24	67
Anderson 04	X	X		0	0	22	21	43
Anderson 05		X		0	0	0	42	42
Bamberg 01	X			7	13	6	4	30
Bamberg 02	X			2	5	6	10	23
Barnwell 19	X			7	5	3	7	22
Barnwell 29	X			0	0	21	20	41
Barnwell 45		X		0	0	0	36	36
Beaufort		X		51	89	134	91	365
Berkeley	X	X		24	23	22	33	102
Calhoun		X		0	0	0	32	32
Charleston		X		110	120	149	135	514
Cherokee	X	X		12	4	4	1	21

District Name	Face-to-Face Learning	Virtual/Remote Learning	No Summer Learning	Total Kindergarten Enrollment	Total First Grade Enrollment	Total Second Grade Enrollment	Total Third Grade Enrollment	Total K-3 Enrollment
Chester	X			12	23	38	27	100
Chesterfield	X	X		0	22	43	90	155
Clarendon 01		X		13	14	15	18	60
Clarendon 02		X		7	9	0	0	16
Clarendon 03 ²								
Colleton		X		13	14	104	56	187
Darlington	X			14	34	34	49	131
Dillon 03	X			26	20	15	10	71
Dillon 04	X			22	14	15	31	82
Dorchester 02		X		0	0	78	94	172
Dorchester 04		X		0	0	0	26	26
Edgefield	X	X		0	16	36	26	78
Erskine Charter	X	X		59	64	73	91	287
Fairfield		X		0	5	5	3	13
Florence 01	X	X		0	0	27	47	74
Florence 02	X			20	24	15	21	80
Florence 03	X			15	9	4	22	50
Florence 04	X			0	7	0	3	10
Florence 05	X			0	10	9	8	27

² No information provided.

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Georgetown			X	0	0	0	0	0
Greenville			X	0	0	0	0	0
Greenwood 50		X		27	44	37	62	170
Greenwood 51		X		0	1	3	7	11
Greenwood 52	X			9	11	7	9	36
Hampton 01	X			15	32	30	35	112
Hampton 02		X		4	1	8	13	26
Horry			X	0	0	0	0	0
Jasper		X		0	0	0	105	105
Kershaw		X		0	0	27	24	51
Lancaster		X		0	0	0	92	92
Laurens 55			X	0	0	0	0	0
Laurens 56			X	0	0	0	0	0
Lee		X		10	17	12	10	49
Lexington 01		X		23	143	72	111	349
Lexington 02		X		0	11	20	12	43
Lexington 03			X	0	0	0	0	0
Lexington 04	X	X		17	26	17	38	98
Lexington/Richland 05	X	X		46	85	85	74	290
Marion		X		0	0	0	43	43
Marlboro		X		8	11	15	15	49

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McCormick	X			8	10	7	9	34
Newberry			X	0	0	0	0	0
Oconee		X		0	0	16	25	41
Orangeburg		X		30	64	56	118	268
Pickens	X	X		13	24	23	13	73
Richland 01		X		193	247	279	234	953
Richland 02		X		0	0	110	129	239
Saluda	X			12	23	25	32	92
SC Public Charter School District	X	X		24	60	56	112	252
Spartanburg 01		X		6	4	2	35	47
Spartanburg 02	X	X		23	11	31	61	126
Spartanburg 03	X			0	20	18	16	54
Spartanburg 04		X		0	0	8	22	30
Spartanburg 05	X			40	63	66	58	227
Spartanburg 06		X		49	111	89	159	408
Spartanburg 07		X		0	1	0	51	52
Sumter		X		53	38	31	40	162
Union	X			0	0	40	25	65
Williamsburg		X		14	43	33	32	122
York 01	X	X		0	0	0	22	22

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York 02	X			21	19	27	26	93
York 03		X		0	107	109	110	326
York 04	X	X		0	72	29	41	142
<i>State</i>				<i>1200</i>	<i>2016</i>	<i>2471</i>	<i>3378</i>	<i>9065</i>