

Why Accelerated Learning is Important

The COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in lost instructional opportunities for many Hoosier students, and we know that every school year matters as it lays a foundation upon which future learning is achieved. Just as race cars accelerate towards the finish line, Hoosier schools are developing accelerated learning plans to ensure students receive the building blocks necessary for success as they cross the finish line of one grade level and transition to the next. IDOE is committed to supporting schools as they capitalize on current available funding sources, establish community partnerships, and ensure equitable access for all. We will share additional guidance to support Hoosier schools as they develop and execute these critical plans.



Student Learning

Schools should identify which standards are essential to ensuring students are successful as they transition to the next grade level. IDOE instructional frameworks for <u>mathematics</u> and <u>English/language arts</u> and <u>assessment</u> <u>blueprints</u> can assist in guiding these conversations. Administrators and educators should:

- Continue to monitor student learning to identify areas that may require targeted instruction.
- Create a continued learning plan for students for summer 2021 and beyond that ensures essential standards are achieved.



Coming soon: A resource repository, highlighting systems, research and protocols to assist in refining focus areas and defining next steps for student learning.





Equitable Access

Through accelerated learning, schools can address educational inequities that have been exacerbated by the pandemic by:

- Determining students most in need of additional support; and
- Increasing communication to parents in multiple languages.



Coming soon: Professional development and technical assistance for implementing research-based practices for diverse populations.

Community Partnerships

Collaborate with community partners that can offer additional support services this summer and fall, such as:

- Before and after school providers;
- Tutoring agencies;
- Libraries; and
- Local employers.



Coming soon: Interactive sessions for schools and organizations to explore successful models of community partnership, in Indiana and beyond.

Funding Sources

State and federal resources are available to support accelerated learning. These include, but are not limited to:

- Summer school funds;
- <u>CARES 1.0</u>, <u>CARES 2.0</u>, CARES 3.0, including ESSER funding; and
- <u>Title and grants support</u>.



Coming soon: Assistance for submission and requirements for upcoming grant application windows to support additional accelerated learning efforts.