



Making Summer Learning Fun

U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan described summer learning loss as “devastating.”

Learning time is a resource that is unequally distributed, and low-income students suffer the consequences. While middle class children learn to read, create, persist and problem-solve at home and through after-school and summer experiences, parents stressed by poverty are far less likely to be able to ensure those opportunities for their children (Expand ED Schools). It is estimated that summer break will cause the average student to lose up to one month of instruction, with disadvantaged students being disproportionately affected (Cooper, 1996). This is what researchers have often referred to as the “summer slide.” To address the summer learning crisis, Families In Schools (FIS) launched **Passport to Success**, a summer learning campaign. Under the leadership of Families In Schools; civic, education, and business leaders have joined together to promote reading by encouraging students to extend their learning during the summer.



Campaign Overview

Passport to Success – Making Summer Learning Fun

is an innovative family engagement campaign that reduces summer learning loss by encouraging students and families to participate in summer learning activities. Families In Schools, in collaboration with Target, funders, district schools, and community leaders, will provide thousands of families with a free Passport to Success kit, which will include a resource guide, family friendly information about summer learning activities, and a family passport.



Family Partnership

Before the end of the school year, students will receive a summer learning kit with a family resource guide and passport. Families are encouraged to register their Passport to Success family kit online at www.familiesinschools.org/passport-to-success or by calling (888) 766-2242. Once registered, parents will receive weekly tips through e-mail or text on how to support your child’s learning this summer. From June - September, families will be encouraged to make summer learning fun by exploring free and low-cost libraries, museums and events listed in their **Passport to Success Resource Guide**. At each Passport to Success location, the student will get a stamp in their passport.

Celebration

After September, students will submit their stamped passport to their school. **Once the passports have been turned in, participating families will be able to win prizes.** Also, participating schools will honor students by providing them with certificates to recognize their achievements

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For more information about the program, contact Families In Schools at 1-888-766-2242 or go to the website: www.familiesinschools.org