

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.

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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.