Six Elements of Great Summer Learning

Summer Learning Programs are much more than remedial summer school.

Parents considering a summer learning program for their child can use this handy checklist to determine if a program offers the right mix of structure, learning, community and fun.

Summer Matters draws on its experience with summer learning programs throughout California to provide a straightforward checklist for parents. The checklist identifies the six key elements of an effective summer learning program and what they mean in practice.

Broadens youth horizons

By exposing them to new adventures, skills and ideas such as a nature walk, new computer program, museum visit or live performance.

Includes a wide variety of activities

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Such as reading, writing, math, science, arts and public service projects – in ways that are fun and engaging.

**Helps youth build mastery**

By improving at doing something they enjoy and care about, such as creating a neighborhood garden, writing a healthy snacks cookbook or operating a robot.

**Fosters cooperative learning**

By working with their friends on team projects and group activities such as a neighborhood clean-up, group presentation or canned food drive.

**Promotes healthy habits**

By providing nutritious food, physical recreation and outdoor activities.

**Lasts at least one month**

Giving youth enough time to benefit from their summer learning experiences.

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There’s no doubt that budget cuts have had a tremendous impact on the availability of summer learning programs throughout California. But with a little creativity and a lot of dedication, some communities have managed to overcome the obstacles and create effective programs that are engaging students, expanding in size and scope, and demonstrating positive outcomes.

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