



## Summer Learning Resources for School Districts

Note: A copy of SAIL's presentation to the School Superintendents of Alabama meeting is available on SAIL's website. It also has a version of this document with "hot" links so that you can navigate with clicks rather than entering internet addresses. Visit <https://sailalabama.org/for-school-districts/>

- Two Alabama school districts are recognized for strong community-based summer programs and are willing to share their approach:
  - **Blount County**  
Contact: Mitchie Neel, Executive Director, Blount County Education Foundation  
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  - **Huntsville City**  
Contact: Elizabeth Dotts Fleming, Director of Public Development, Huntsville City Schools  
256.425.6923, [Elizabeth.fleming@hsv-k12.org](mailto:Elizabeth.fleming@hsv-k12.org)
- To locate existing SAIL programs and obtain contact information, visit <https://public.tableau.com/app/profile/jim.wooten/viz/SAILProgramsbySchoolDistrict/DistrictMap>
- SAIL's website has extensive resources on all aspects of summer learning:
  - To understand why summer learning is so powerful, and to access materials that may be helpful in explaining summer learning to school boards, community partners, etc., visit [Why Summer Matters – SAIL Alabama](#)
  - To understand the community-based model of summer learning, visit [For Communities – SAIL Alabama](#)
  - To access the markers of quality for summer learning, visit [SAIL-Markers-of-Quality.pdf](#)
  - To learn how SAIL's data-driven culture and continuous improvement framework help our programs grow stronger over time, visit [Ensuring Program Quality – SAIL Alabama](#)
  - To obtain recent articles on summer learning, visit SAIL's homepage [SAIL Alabama – Preparing Children for Success through Summer Learning](#)
- Those interested in community-based summer learning are encouraged to join SAIL's network. Participation offers access to Alabama communities and programs who openly share from their experiences to grow stronger together. For information, contact Jim Wooten (205.873.0795, [jrw1@bellsouth.net](mailto:jrw1@bellsouth.net))



# SAIL BY THE NUMBERS

## COMPOSITE RESULTS, 2017-2020

**SAIL PREPARES CHILDREN FOR SUCCESS AS ADULTS THROUGH SUMMER LEARNING THAT NURTURES THE WHOLE CHILD.**

### COMMUNITY-BASED SUMMER LEARNING

SAIL brings together many organizations in the community-- united by a shared passion to see their children thrive--to build summer programs that combine the best elements of summer camp with rigorous academics. The programs are supported by the philanthropic community. From 2017-2020, over 40 funders provided \$3.75 Million to support SAIL programs.

#### ENROLLMENT

57 SAIL programs enrolled 8,234 students, an average of 2,050 annually

- Attendance 85%
- Completion Rate 88%

SAIL cumulative enrollment has now surpassed 13,800.

### SAIL REACHES UNDER-RESOURCED COMMUNITIES

SAIL programs:

- 85% of the students were eligible for free or reduced cost lunches
- Entering students were performing well below grade level. The average pre-test percentile was 25% in reading and 31% in math.

### STUDENT GROWTH

SAIL programs use research-based curriculum, certified teachers, and the STAR assessment to drive academic growth.

#### AVERAGE INSTRUCTION HOURS

Reading: 41    Math: 36

#### AVERAGE GAIN PER STUDENT

##### Average, Each Summer

Reading: 1.7 months

Math: 2.6 months

#### AVERAGE IMPACT PER STUDENT

(Considering the "summer slide" of 2+ months loss for low-income students)

Reading: >3.7 months    Math:> 4.6 months

### TEACHER GROWTH

SAIL programs provide teachers an opportunity to develop their skills. Our teachers received an average of 23 hours of training and 77 hours of practice in smaller classes that allow innovation and growth. 97% reported positive outcomes for their programs.

### FAMILY IMPACT

SAIL programs engage families through regular communication, family activities, and opportunities to volunteer. 63% of families participated in their child's program, with 96% reporting positive outcomes.

### SAIL IS COST EFFECTIVE

The average cost for an academic program is \$793 per student.

## SAIL BY THE NUMBERS SAIL PROGRAMS MAP (2021)

For an interactive version of this map, visit

<https://public.tableau.com/app/profile/jim.wooten/viz/SAILAcrossAlabama2021/SAILAlabama>

