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**SUMMER  
JOURNEY**

New &  
Revised  
Courses!

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**Project-Based Learning *for all students***  
entering Kindergarten to Grade 12

# Extend Learning with Fun & Engaging Summer Journey

An academically rigorous and customizable summer program, **Summer Journey** improves students' foundational skills and expands their knowledge and problem-solving abilities, all while reducing summer learning loss. A combination of core academic courses and enriching Journey classes provides a full-day, project-based learning curriculum that builds students' communication and social skills, enhances leadership skills, and encourages students' creativity.

## Our COVID Commitment

COVID-19 has caused unimaginable changes to the educational landscape. We are committed to our districts and their students and quickly adapted our program to meet the needs of districts running Summer Journey in 2020. If COVID-19 causes next year's in-person instruction to be suspended, we will extend your contract to provide services in 2022.

## Program Flexibility for Districts

State-funded and free for students, **Summer Journey** can be customized to fit the needs of a district's summer school program. The turnkey program provides:

- \* Up to 168 hours of summer programming
- \* More than 120 course options
- \* Scripted lessons that engage students in hands-on cooperative activities
- \* Transportation to and from the summer school program

## Proven Student Participation

**Summer Journey** has proven to increase the number of participating students; some districts have seen as much as a 300% increase in the number of participants. Students receive incentives for attending, earning up to \$100 in gift cards based on attendance during the program. Over 34,000 Missouri students from 50 school districts participated in the 2019 program.

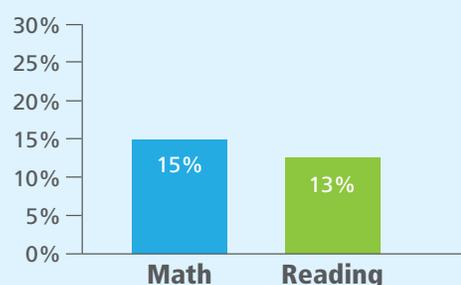
## Peace of Mind Plus Satisfaction for Parents

With a full-day curriculum, student transportation provided to and from school, and no tuition, **Summer Journey** eases parents' financial and scheduling concerns and provides reassurance that their children are participating in a safe, academically enriching, and engaging summer program. In 2019, 88.9% of parents indicated they would recommend **Summer Journey** to other families.

## Improved Academic Achievement

**Summer Journey** assessment results show improvement of academic achievement for students participating in the program. The Summer Journey assessment is aligned to the Missouri Learning Standards for reading and math. In 2019, students made 15% gains in math and 13% gains in reading.

**Summer Journey 2019  
Math & Reading Assessment % Gains**



# Meet Your **District Needs** with a **Flexible Summer Program**

A summer school program can take significant time and effort, as well as cost, to plan and implement successfully. A comprehensive and customizable program, **Summer Journey** can minimize your summer planning time and help increase your year-round budget.

## **Student Recruitment Made Easy**

Student recruitment materials are provided to districts to maximize student attendance. Principals receive an engaging video to show to students during a school assembly or in individual classrooms. Online enrollment materials, including social media posts, are also available.

To increase student attendance, districts may also extend the program to nonpublic schools within their districts and to smaller surrounding districts that may not have their own summer program. This becomes a win-win for students and for the district.

## **Turnkey Program Implementation**

With scripted courses and most materials provided for each course, **Summer Journey** eases the stress and anxiety of planning and implementing a summer school program. Teachers receive a teacher kit containing basic classroom supplies, and each course kit includes most of the materials necessary to implement the lessons, plus teacher manuals that give specific, scripted instructions on how to conduct each lesson. At the end of the summer program, teachers keep their course supplies to use during the regular school year.

## **Intervention and Blended Learning for Struggling Learners**

Districts can select **AchieveReading™** and **AchieveMath™** intervention courses along side the **Summer Journey** core academic course.

## **Assessments Identify Summer Learning Gains**

For grades 3–8, general criterion-referenced, pre- and post-assessments in communication arts and math are available. These assessments are structured after the Missouri Assessment Program (MAP) test with multiple-choice and constructive-response questions. A screening assessment is also available for placing students in **Achieve™** instructional intervention courses.

“ I really like the Summer Journey Program. It provides all the supplies and lessons for the students and that really helps the teacher focus on teaching! ”

– Educator, Stoutland Elementary

# Take the **Journey,** from **Academics...**

While **Summer Journey** is designed for up to 168 hours of full-day summer programming, it can be customized to fit a district's academic and scheduling needs. During each day of **Summer Journey**, students are engaged in a combination of morning academic core courses and afternoon enrichment courses. Districts choose the courses that will best serve their students' needs. Throughout each course, the curriculum emphasizes cooperative, project-based learning, cultivating a discovery process in which students pursue their curiosity, think critically, and take initiative in their learning.

## **The Academic Core**

Students entering Kindergarten through grade 8 engage in an academically challenging curriculum during the morning session of **Summer Journey**.

Students getting ready for Kindergarten participate in a weekly, theme-based integrated curriculum of reading, writing, math, science, and social studies. For those students entering first grade, the Early Learner Language Arts and Investigations programs include interactive lessons focusing on the reading and writing process and curriculum that combines math and science.

For students entering grades 2–8, core academic courses are spread over four morning periods and include daily reading, language arts, math, and science or social studies courses. These core courses—developed for Primary, Elementary, and Intermediate levels—are aligned to Missouri Learning Standards and focus on student engagement through interactive, project-based lessons.

For high school students, **Summer Journey** offers high school courses that can be a stand-alone program, or pair with local courses. This unique combination provides a quality summer school without compromising local requirements and preferences.

## **Instructional Intervention**

For students needing academic remediation, districts can choose intervention courses in reading and math designed to support struggling learners with systematic and explicit instruction that's tailored to the unique needs of each student. Built on sound research and instructional best practices, **AchieveMath** and **AchieveReading** provide students with targeted instruction that reinforces essential skills while increasing students' self-confidence and motivation to learn.

# ...to Hands-On Enrichment

## Hands-On Journey Courses

**Summer Journey's** afternoon curriculum includes hands-on exploratory Journey courses with embedded academics. These Journey courses enable students to actively engage with topics in the fields of engineering and construction, sports and teamwork, arts and crafts, theater and performance, and more. Most Journey courses include a teacher manual and scripted lessons.

**Summer Journey** offers opportunities for science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) education as part of its afternoon Journey curriculum. Sample STEM courses include Sports Science, Scratch Camp, and Flight & Aerodynamics, to name a few.

For grades 1–8, districts choose a total of six Journey courses, three each for the first and last 12 days of the session. Kindergarten selects one “Just for Fun” curriculum.



“Love this program. I enjoy teaching the math and the students seem to love it too!”

– Educator, Boonville

# Build **Academic Skills** with **Standards-Aligned** Course Offerings

**Summer Journey's** innovative curriculum offers districts a comprehensive, rigorous, and relevant summer program for students ranging in age from those entering Kindergarten to rising 12th graders.

## **New & Revised Core Curriculum Offerings**

Summer Journey is dedicated to keeping our curriculum current and engaging. All core content is reviewed and revised as part of a curriculum revision cycle. Alignment to the Missouri Learning Standards as well as engaging content are our focus. Summer Journey gives students and teachers the opportunity to participate in hands-on learning experiences to prepare students for the next school year.



# Drive Student Success with Next-Generation Assessments

**Evaluate™**, the next-generation formative assessment system used by over 80 Missouri districts, is a valuable and proven tool that builds the foundation for continual academic improvement.

## Growth Begins with Informed Instruction

Through a combination of web-based formative reading and math assessments and superior reporting and analysis tools, **Evaluate** engages students in their own learning, guides teachers as they target instruction, and allows administrators to identify instructional areas in need of additional resources and support.

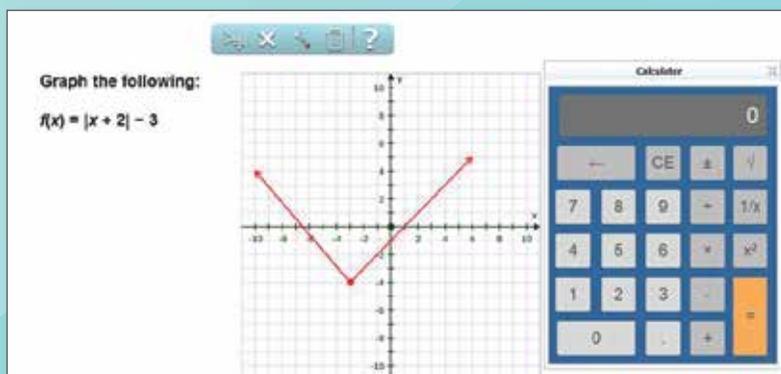
Research-based **Evaluate** assessments are aligned to Missouri State Standards. Reading and math benchmark assessments for grades K–11 are administered up to 10 times a year and are scored immediately so that targeted interventions can be implemented right away.

## Cutting-Edge Features That Set Evaluate Apart

- ✦ Best-of-breed technology-enhanced question types take students beyond multiple choice, challenging them with more rigor and authenticity.
- ✦ Frequent, fast, highly informative reporting yields immediate academic impact.
- ✦ The Evaluate reporting platform provides more than just scores and diagnostics; embedded teacher resources provide teachers with concrete support for teaching challenging concepts.



Powerful reporting tools allow administrators and teachers to make informed decisions about instruction and resources.



Graphic-rich technology-enhanced question types (TEQs) challenge students to go beyond typical multiple-choice test items.

“After a year of research, our district chose Evaluate Benchmark testing. We were concerned that a monthly assessment might overwhelm teachers and learning time, however, it ended up supporting our teachers and focusing learning time. Our teachers and administrators want the monthly data to help guide lesson planning and targeted instruction. As a district, we now crave the data results and know how Evaluate data makes us better together.”

– Josh Chastain Ed. D., Executive Director of Curriculum, Instruction, & Assessment

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# From Summer Break to Summer Journey

**Summer Journey** is designed to enrich students' learning with a hands-on, project-based curriculum that promotes engagement and builds self-confidence.

Students like the fun-filled enrichment activities; parents enjoy the full-day program in a safe environment; and teachers, principals, and district administrators appreciate the learning that happens over the summer. It's a win for all!



## Summer Journey FEATURES:

- ✿ More than 120 course offerings
- ✿ Student recruitment materials to ensure high enrollment
- ✿ Implementation support from an on-site Regional Operations Manager
- ✿ Comprehensive teacher training with start-up manual and guide for successful implementation
- ✿ Incentives to encourage student attendance
- ✿ Online Student Information System to track enrollment, scheduling, and attendance
- ✿ Criterion-referenced pre- and post-assessments for grades 3–8



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