



The Kansas City, Missouri, Grade-Level Reading Campaign is being recognized as a 2014 Pacesetter for making measurable progress on summer learning outcomes.

The Kansas City community continues to transform summer into a time when students not only avoid the summer slide, but gain reading skills. The Kansas City Public School District (the city's largest district) led the way in 2014 by instituting a requirement that all summer programs with which they contract must employ certified teachers and provide 90 minutes of reading instruction each day. Moreover, they provided funding for summer academic enrichment camp for essentially all elementary school students that could be considered struggling readers. As a result, the average student attending one of these summer programs demonstrated a significant increase in reading skills measured by a formal assessment administered by the Kansas City Public School District.

The Kansas City GLR Campaign reaches approximately 32,500 low-income children. The local Campaign regularly tracks the following summer learning indicators as key measures of its overall impact on student outcomes: percent of children from low-income families who participate in pre-K high-quality summer learning opportunities that include a literacy or pre-literacy component; percent of children from low-income families who participate in a summer reading program; and percent of children from low-income families who participate in summer meals programs. Reflecting on the community's progress since it joined the Campaign in 2012, Mayor Sly James commented, "Summer time should not be a time to step away from reading. It should be a time to read even more. Reading books is a great pastime for kids learning to read, and I'm pleased that Kansas City is a Pacesetter and has earned this award."

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