

Summer Learning Hike Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Q: What is the purpose of the BCPS Summer Learning Hike opportunity?

A: BCPS is proud to offer students access to Summer Learning Hike – an optional summer learning opportunity. The following opportunities will be used for Summer Learning Hike:

- Reading Eggs – Early Childhood – Pre-K
- Exact Path Reading and Mathematics – Grades K-5
- Tutorials English/Language Arts and Mathematics – Grades 6-12

The early childhood resources, Reading Eggs, focuses solely on reading. All K-11 digital resources, Exact Path for Grades K-5 and Tutorials for Grades 6-11, offer students access to personalized instruction in English/Language Arts and mathematics. The personalized instruction identifies and addresses learning gaps that typically occur in the summer and works to ensure students are ready for grade-level instruction in the upcoming school year. The purpose of the Summer Learning Hike is to offer students the opportunity to review reading and math content from the current school year.

Q: Is student participation in the Summer Learning Hike required and will my child receive a grade?

A: Participation in the Summer Learning Hike is 100% optional. During the last week of school, students will learn more about the summer resources and be encouraged to engage with the summer resources by their reading and math teachers, but participation is voluntary and not required. No grade will be assigned to this work.

Q: How will students access the Summer Learning Hike resources?

A: All Summer Learning Hike resources will be accessed through BCPSOne starting June 15, 2020. A learning tile will be in place so that students and families can easily access the resources. Students will only see summer learning resources that are aligned to the English/Language Arts classes in which the student was enrolled in SY 19-20. At the early childhood level, all students begin at the same level with standards identified by the Office of English/Language Arts. At the elementary level, ExactPath access is being aligned with standards identified by the Office of English/Language Arts and the Office of Mathematics and based upon each students' Winter MAP scores. At the secondary level, Tutorials are mapped to SY 19-20 classes. Please note that at the high school level the Tutorials only map to English 9, English 10, English 11, English 12, Algebra I, Algebra II and Geometry.

Q: Do the Summer Learning Hike resources take the place of the traditional BCPS Summer Programs such as EYLP, ESY and ELO?

A: No, BCPS will continue to offer the “traditional” systemic summer programs (EYLP, ELO and ESY) in a remote model during July 2020.

Q: How much time should students spend engaging with the Summer Learning Hike resources?

A: The recommendations for time to spend on Universal Summer Learning resources vary by level.

- Reading Eggs – 60 minutes per week
- Exact Path – 90 minutes per week
- Tutorials – 120 minutes per week

Families may choose to structure the recommended learning minutes per week and based on each families' schedule and availability. Learning time is ideally chunked in small blocks such as 15-20 minutes.

Q: Do the Summer Learning Hike resources require BCPS teachers and/or parents to support students?

The Summer Learning Hike digital resources are student directed and should not require teacher or parent support. BCPS has also established Summer Learning Hike support with real time help from BCPS math and English/Language Arts teachers. This support can be accessed by students and families through Google Meets rooms Monday–Friday. Information about accessing the Google Meets rooms will be available on BCPSOne the week of June 15 in preparation for the support starting the week of June 22.

Q: When are the Summer Learning Hike resources available?

A: Summer Learning Hike resources will be available starting Monday, June 15 through August 28, 2020.