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STUDENTS AND PARENTS JOIN THE 2019
ALABAMA SUMMER LEARNING CHALLENGE!

Department of Education Kicks Off Seventh Year of Free Resources for All Students Statewide

Jackie Zeigler
District I

Montgomery, Ala. - The months away from school can sometimes result in a large loss of knowledge in reading, math, science, and other core subject areas for students.

Tracie West
District II

Now for a seventh year, the Alabama State Department of Education has partnered with some of America's leading education organizations to *minimize the summer learning slide*.

Stephanie Bell
District III

Several high-quality learning opportunities are now available for all Alabama students and parents. These resources are easy-to-access online and will encourage continuous learning by K-12 students throughout the summer, while they are away from the classroom:

Yvette M. Richardson, Ed.D.
District IV

- The Lexile-based "*Find a Book, Alabama*" tool (www.Lexile.com/fab/Alabama) offers students over 260,000 book selections. This book-search tool enables individuals to build custom reading lists based on their Lexile range and interests. Students and parents can also check availability of books at local libraries.
- Children, parents, and educators can also pledge to read throughout the summer by using the "Find a Book, Alabama" tool (<https://fab.lexile.com/fab/alabama/>). Let's encourage every student to read this summer!
- The Alabama Summer Learning Challenge also includes a *FREE email-based math skills program* for students who have completed 1st through 8th grades.

Ella B. Bell
District V

Cynthia McCarty, Ph.D.
District VI
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- Parents and other summer care-givers can begin registering for this program today. Starting Monday, June 17th, parents will begin receiving daily emails with *fun activities and resources to help students retain essential math skills*. After the program ends on Friday, July 26th, parents can print a special award certificate to celebrate their child's wonderful summer accomplishments! Visit this weblink for more details: <https://www.quantiles.com/parents-students/find-math-resources-to-support-classroom-learning/summer-math-challenge/>

Jeff Newman
District VII
President Pro Tem

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District VIII

- This summer, *Stride by Fuel Education* is **FREE to all students in Alabama from May 1 to July 31**. Prevent "Summer Slide" with a great blend of online math, reading, language arts, and science skill practices. Fun games and learning for every student. Parents and their children may access the Stride learning platform online anytime – on tablets, PCs, and Macs. Register and login at <https://www.fueleducation.com/alsummerlearning>.

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Alabama Summer Learning Challenge 2019 - Free Learning Resources for Students

- Sparking a student's personal joy for reading is important! Using *Big Universe* by Fuel Education, students and parents can access 14,000+ leveled eBooks and high-quality learning tools anytime – on their tablets, laptops, or computers. This platform's search functions also identify eBooks by genre, grade level, Lexile, and other filters. ***Big Universe will be FREE to all students in Alabama from May 1 to July 31.*** Register and login at <https://www.fueleducation.com/alsummerlearning>.
*Please note, to participate *students and/or parents must register for Big Universe prior to May 21, 2019.*

Parents can also make learning fun this summer for students by utilizing the great opportunities and events at *Alabama's local libraries*. See the great information at <http://www.publiclibraries.com/alabama.htm>.

Visit the official *Alabama Summer Learning Challenge* webpage at:
<https://www.alsde.edu/sec/comm/Pages/summer-learning.aspx>

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