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STUDENTS AND PARENTS JOIN
THE ALABAMA SUMMER LEARNING CHALLENGE!

“State Kicks Off Summer-2020 With Free & Fun Resources for All Students Statewide”

Montgomery, Ala. – The traditional school year is about to end as our nation continues to adjust to COVID-19.

Online resources, technology, and distance learning opportunities are providing American families options to expand their children’s learning opportunities. Keeping students engaged during the summer months is vital - *they must have access to fun learning resources that inspire them.*



Now for an exciting eighth year, the Alabama State Department of Education has partnered with some of the country’s leading education organizations to *“minimize the summer learning slide.”*

The 2020 Alabama Summer Learning Challenge is being held **May 18 until July 31**. See the official Alabama Summer Learning Challenge webpage at:

<https://www.alsde.edu/sec/comm/Pages/summer-learning.aspx>

Help every child find great books to read at:

hub.lexile.com/fab



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FIND A BOOK

Alabama parents now have access to many online resources, which can help continue student learning and skill building in reading, math, and science! These resources are easy-to-access and will encourage K-12 students throughout the summer, while they are away from the classroom:

- The Lexile-based *"Find a Book, Alabama"* tool (www.Lexile.com/fab/Alabama) offers students over 260,000 books to choose from. This book-search tool allows students and parents to build custom reading lists based on the student’s Lexile range and personal interests. Students can also pledge to read this summer by using the *"Find a Book, Alabama"* tool.
- The Summer Learning Challenge also includes a fantastic online math skill builder to help remedy the summer math slide. MetaMetrics is offering the **FREE Summer Math Challenge**, a math maintenance program based on student grade-level standards. This program is focused on students who have just completed *first through eighth grades*. It is designed to help them retain the

Alabama Summer Learning Challenge 2020 - Free Learning Resources for Students!

classroom skills learned during the previous school year. Visit <https://www.quantiles.com/parents-students/find-math-resources-to-support-classroom-learning/summer-math-challenge/> to register!

- This summer, *Stride* by Fuel Education is FREE to all students in the state from May 1 to July 31. Prevent "summer slide" with this cool blend of online math, reading, language arts, and science skills practice, spectacular video games for every student interest, and peer competitions to pass the summer days. Students and parents may access this learning platform anytime (24-7) on tablets and PCs. Register and login at <https://www.fueeducation.com/alsummerlearning>.
- *Big Universe* by Fuel Education allows students to access 18,000+ eBooks and essential literacy tools, from any smartphone, tablet, laptop, or other computer. Its powerful search functions help identify eBooks by genre, grade level and other filters. Big Universe will be FREE to all students in Alabama today until July 31. Register at <https://www.fueeducation.com/alsummerlearning>.

Additional learning resources are also being offered for students to participate in this summer:

<https://www.alsde.edu/sec/comm/Related%20Documents/More%20Summer%20Learning%20Resources.pdf>

Alabama Public Television (APT) is allowing students to discover their full potential through its *Learn at Home* educational program - <https://apt2.org/education/>.

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>.



There are many more learning resources highlighted on the 2020 Summer Learning webpage –

Visit today to see the complete list of available learning resources:

<https://www.alsde.edu/sec/comm/Pages/summer-learning.aspx>

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