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## MEMORANDUM NO. 2018-050

**TO:** School District Superintendents  
K-12 Principals  
Curriculum Directors  
Instructional Facilitators  
K-12 Mathematics and English Language Arts Educators

**FROM:** Megan Degenfelder, Chief Policy Officer

**DATE:** April 16, 2018

**SUBJECT:** 2018 FREE Summer Learning Opportunities for Students

# FREE SUMMER LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS IN READING AND MATH

The Wyoming Department of Education (WDE) encourages educators and families to help students engage in reading and mathematics practice over the summer, since students may slip in their abilities during this time. This well-documented phenomenon is called “summer learning loss.” The WDE, in partnership with MetaMetrics, hopes to stop the negative effects of summer learning loss with two free summer learning initiatives: [Find a Book, Wyoming](#) and the [Summer Math Challenge](#).

### [Find a Book, Wyoming](#)

*Find a Book, Wyoming* enables students, educators, and parents to build custom reading lists based on the student’s reading ability, i.e., Lexile® measure, as well as, personal interests. Find a Book, Wyoming resources enable students, parents, and educators to check the availability of books at their local library, and to submit a pledge to read this summer.

### [Summer Math Challenge](#)

The *Summer Math Challenge* is a math skills maintenance program based on grade-level state standards for Mathematics. The program is targeted to students in 1st – 8th grade and is designed to help them retain math skills learned during the previous school year. Parents who enroll their child will receive daily emails with targeted activities and resources to help children retain the math skills learned during the

previous school year. The *Summer Math Challenge* runs from **June 18 to July 27, 2018**.

*Find a Book, Wyoming* uses a student's reading score, reported as a Lexile measure to provide a corresponding list of texts that fall within the student's reading ability. The *Summer Math Challenge* uses a student's mathematics score, reported as a Quantile® measure, to produce activities tailored to the student's mathematical ability. Both tools have features that allow students, parents, and educators to estimate a Lexile or Quantile measure if it is not known.

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