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SUBJECT: 2019 Summer Learning Opportunities for Students

SUMMER LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS IN READING & MATH

The Wyoming Department of Education (WDE) encourages educators and families to help students engage in reading and mathematics practice over the summer, because 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 no-cost summer learning initiatives: [Find a Book, Wyoming](#) and [Summer Math Challenge](#).

[Find a Book, Wyoming](#) enables students, educators, and parents to use 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. 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](#) uses a student's mathematics score, reported as a Quantile® measure, to produce activities tailored to the student's mathematical ability. The program targets students in 1st – 8th grade and intends 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. Summer Math Challenge runs from **June 17-July 26, 2019**.

Lexile and Quantile measures are reported on the Wyoming Test of Proficiency and Progress (WY-TOPP) Individual Student Reports (ISR) that schools send to parents. Both tools have features that allow students, parents, and educators to estimate a Lexile or Quantile measure.

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