

SUMmit LEARNING Insider



In this final edition of the Summit Learning Insider, we explore multiple ways you can stay connected with your student's Summit Learning experience.

Student Experience

Over the last six weeks we've looked into how our partnership with Summit Learning is going to help your student succeed inside, and outside, of the classroom. While this is the final Insider that we will be sending out, we encourage you to stay connected with the Summit Learning Community. Here are a few easy ways to stay in touch with Summit Learning:

- Continue to learn about the Summit Learning community by reading the [Summit Learning Blog](http://bit.ly/2vFv0NL) (<http://bit.ly/2vFv0NL>).
- Chat with the Summit Learning community by joining them on [Facebook](#) (<http://bit.ly/2xyZna3>), and on Twitter at [@SummitPS](#) (<http://bit.ly/2xyysLs>).
- Check-in with your school's Principal to discover other ways to be an active member in your student's educational experience.

Getting Involved

You might be wondering what more you can do to help your child succeed.

You don't need to be an expert on the content knowledge covered in your child's projects in order to support them. The best way you can support your child is to help them reflect, explain their work, and develop self-directed learning skills. For example, you can ask these following questions of your child while they are working on a project.

- What is the project and checkpoint asking you to do?
- What could you do to improve your work?
- What did you learn from the project?

Check out the [Summit Learning Parent Center](#) for more ideas.

The Community

Change can be hard. But even after decades of practice in a traditional setting, [these Summit Learning teachers say](#) (<http://bit.ly/2x00Pik>), "I will never go back and do it the other way." Why? For [one teacher](#) (<http://bit.ly/2wRtvd0>) at Beverly Hills Intermediate in Pasadena, Texas, Summit Learning helped her to achieve her dream as a teacher: to reach every single child. (<http://bit.ly/2x1HZYq>)



FAQs

Q: How did my school join the Summit Learning Program?

A: Summit Learning invites schools to apply to the program every spring. From there the Summit team speaks with school leaders to find out how the program can help the school's local community. Schools that meet the program requirements are then invited to participate in the following year. This year, the Summit Learning Community includes more than 330 schools (<http://bit.ly/2eX9hqG>) nationwide.

Q: Who funds the Summit Learning Program?

A: Summit Learning is a non-profit organization that is entirely free for schools thanks to the wonder financial support from individuals, local education advocates, national education partnerships, local education advocates, and national education partnerships.

In The News

[Putting students in charge of their learning transforms a small rural district](#) (<http://bit.ly/2fvMI3S>)

[School groups rally to muster hurricane relief](#) (<http://bit.ly/2xZHDAD>)

THE SCIENCE OF SUMMIT

Part Six: The Outcomes

Previous editions of the Summit Insider discussed how the team at Summit Learning worked in close partnership with nationally-acclaimed learning scientists, researchers, and academics to develop an academic model that supports the vision that every student should be equipped to lead a fulfilled life. To bring it all together, Summit Learning has translated the science of learning into an intentional school design that empowers students to achieve success in these **four outcomes**:

- **Cognitive Skills:** The transferable lifelong skills — like developing an argumentative claim, presenting a clear idea, and interpreting data — that are truly essential for a student's success in college and their career.
- **Content Knowledge:** Summit Learning designs schools to prepare students for life, not just tests. Thus students must understand academic subjects more deeply than any single web search, or textbook skim, can provide. Research proves students need a broad Content Knowledge base in order to put Cognitive Skills to work.
- **Habits of Success:** The social and emotional skills — such as resilience, social awareness, and a sense of belonging — that support a student's academic and non-academic pursuits. Summit Learning empowers educators to teach the whole child, and they know that a student's learning isn't confined to the four walls of a classroom.
- **Sense of Purpose:** Summit Learning strives to help students connect what they are learning now to who they are and the future they want. Learning science notes that when students see the the bigger picture behind their schoolwork, they are able to persist towards their goals, especially when the going gets tough.

To see our all of these outcomes in action, download The Science of Summit **on the blog** (<http://bit.ly/2w5kalf>).

SUMMIT LEARNING STUDENT OUTCOMES

