Reimagining student summer learning is front of mind for district and state education leaders for 2021. Use this questionnaire to think through the steps of developing a coherent summer program that prepares students to enter the next school year ready to learn and to access grade-level instructional content.

1. **Which students are participating in your summer learning program?**
   What data and criteria will you use to determine which students, or groups of students, need prioritization?

2. **What are your main goals, and what learning do you want to focus on?**
   Coherence with grade-level learning should be top of mind. Will you choose to focus on addressing unfinished learning, reinforcing essential grade-level concepts, or extending the school year?

3. **Who will the summer program staff be, and how will they be supported?**
   Understand the skillsets of the adults working in the summer program. How will you align programming to their strengths and ensure they have the training and direction they need?

4. **How will you structure your summer program?**
   Taking into account staffing and goals, how will you organize grades, student groups, and learning sites to meet students’ needs?

5. **When will your summer learning program take place?**

6. **How will you schedule students’ time to satisfy all their learning needs?**
   How will you balance student-led independent work, teacher-led instruction, and enrichment activities?

7. **What curriculum and instruction programs will you use and how?**
   Consider how the programs you use align to what you use during the regular school year and the ease of use for your staff.

8. **How will you communicate with students and families and keep them engaged?**

9. **What accountability requirements must you meet?**

10. **What are your milestones for planning your summer program?**
    Consider funding deadlines, timelines for informing students and families, etc.

**Final tip:** When planning your summer program, think about how you might apply aspects of your model to school-year programming such as tutoring. How will you continue to ensure students receive targeted support that enhances their participation in grade-level learning?

**Additional Resources:**
- [Getting to Work on Summer Learning: Recommended Practices for Success](#) (from RAND® Corporation)
- [Summer Learning Toolkit](#) (from The Wallace Foundation)

For information about funding sources and planning, visit CurriculumAssociates.com/Summer-Learning.