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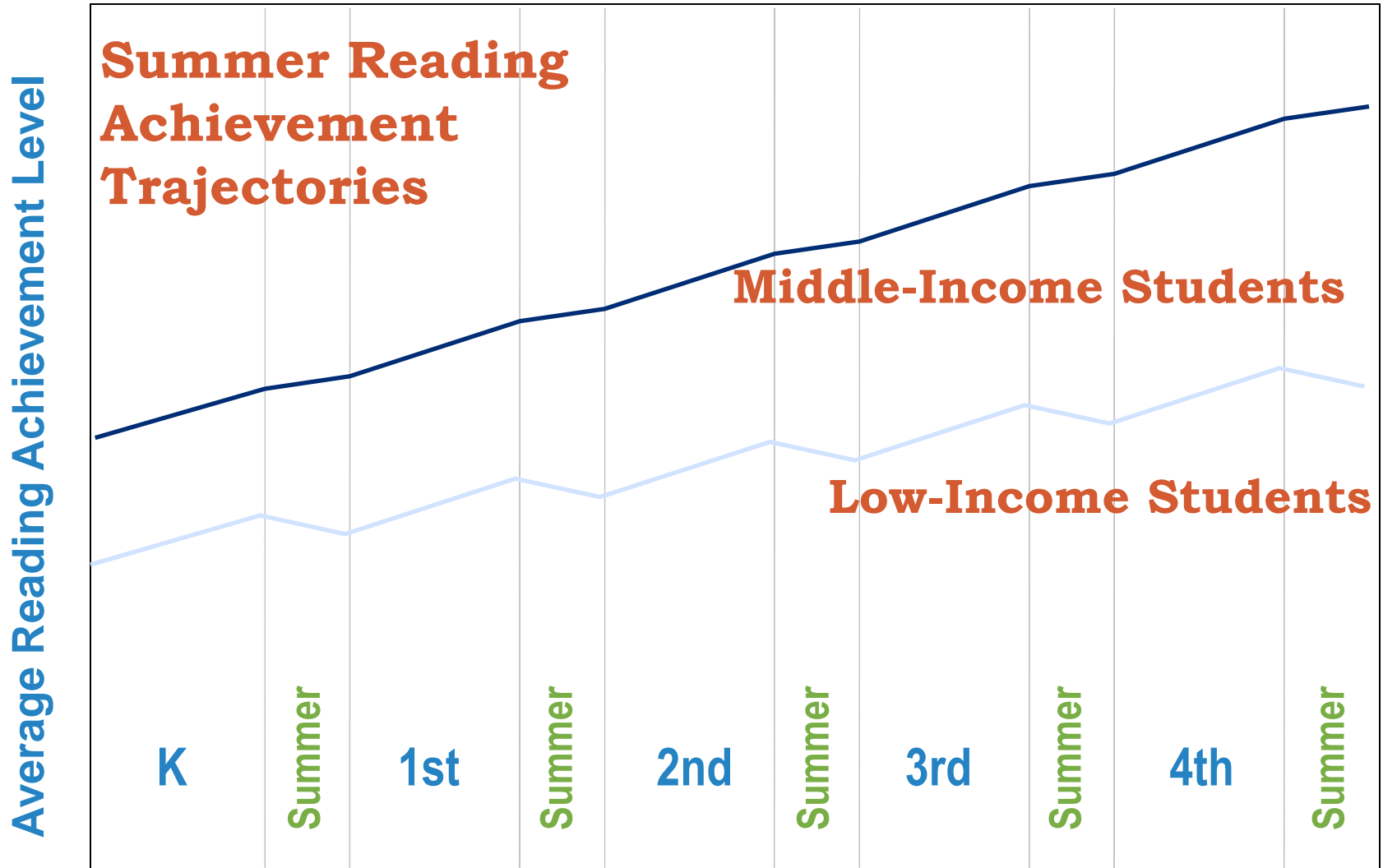
Quick Poll

What kind of summer learning program are you involved with?

- We run a half-day program for a targeted population of students.
- We run a broad program with academics and enrichment for all types of students.
- We do not currently run a summer learning program.



SUMMER LEARNING AND THE ACHIEVEMENT GAP



Source: Adapted from Borman, G.D. (2000). The effects of summer school: Questions answered, questions raised. *Monographs of the Society for Research in Child Development*, 65 (1, Serial N. 260).

The Effects of Summer Learning Loss

- Since 1906, numerous studies have confirmed that children experience learning losses in math and reading without continued opportunities for skill building over the summer (White, Heyns, Cooper, Downey, Alexander)
- More than half of the ninth grade achievement gap in reading can be explained by unequal access to summer learning opportunities during the elementary school years (Alexander, Entwisle, & Olson, 2007)
- Summer learning losses have later life consequences, including high school curriculum placement, high school dropout, and college attendance (ibid.)
- Students who attend summer programs have better outcomes than similar peers who do not attend these programs (McCombs et al., 2011)



NSLA'S Mission and Goals

The mission of the National Summer Learning Association is to connect and equip schools, providers, communities, and families to deliver high-quality summer learning opportunities to our nation's youth to help close the achievement gap and support healthy development.

We seek to:

- Improve the quality of summer learning opportunities
- Expand access to summer learning
- Increase demand for summer learning



NSLA'S Mission and Goals

- NSLA serves as a network hub for thousands of summer learning program providers and stakeholders across the country -- a field that serves more than 14 million children.
- Providing access to high-quality summer learning for the other 24 million children who want to attend but cannot find an affordable program is a central part of our mission.



Why a New Vision for Summer School?

- Summer is an untapped resource in education reform
- Remedial model of summer school is insufficient
- Summer can be a “bridge” between various approaches to expanded learning and education reform
- Summer is ideal space for innovation
- **Goal is to make the summer months an essential component of education reform**



New Vision for Summer School Network

21 districts currently participating

- Network will feature best practices and learning in:
 - Evaluation
 - Partnership Building
 - Attendance/Incentives
 - Funding Alignment
 - Staffing and Professional Development
 - Outreach and Marketing

