



FTC/FES-EO Family Open House

June 13, 2024



Agenda

Scholarship Updates & Reminders

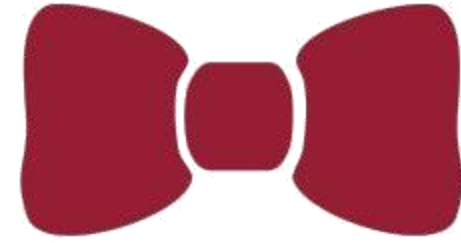
Funding Updates

MyScholarShop: New Vendor Alert

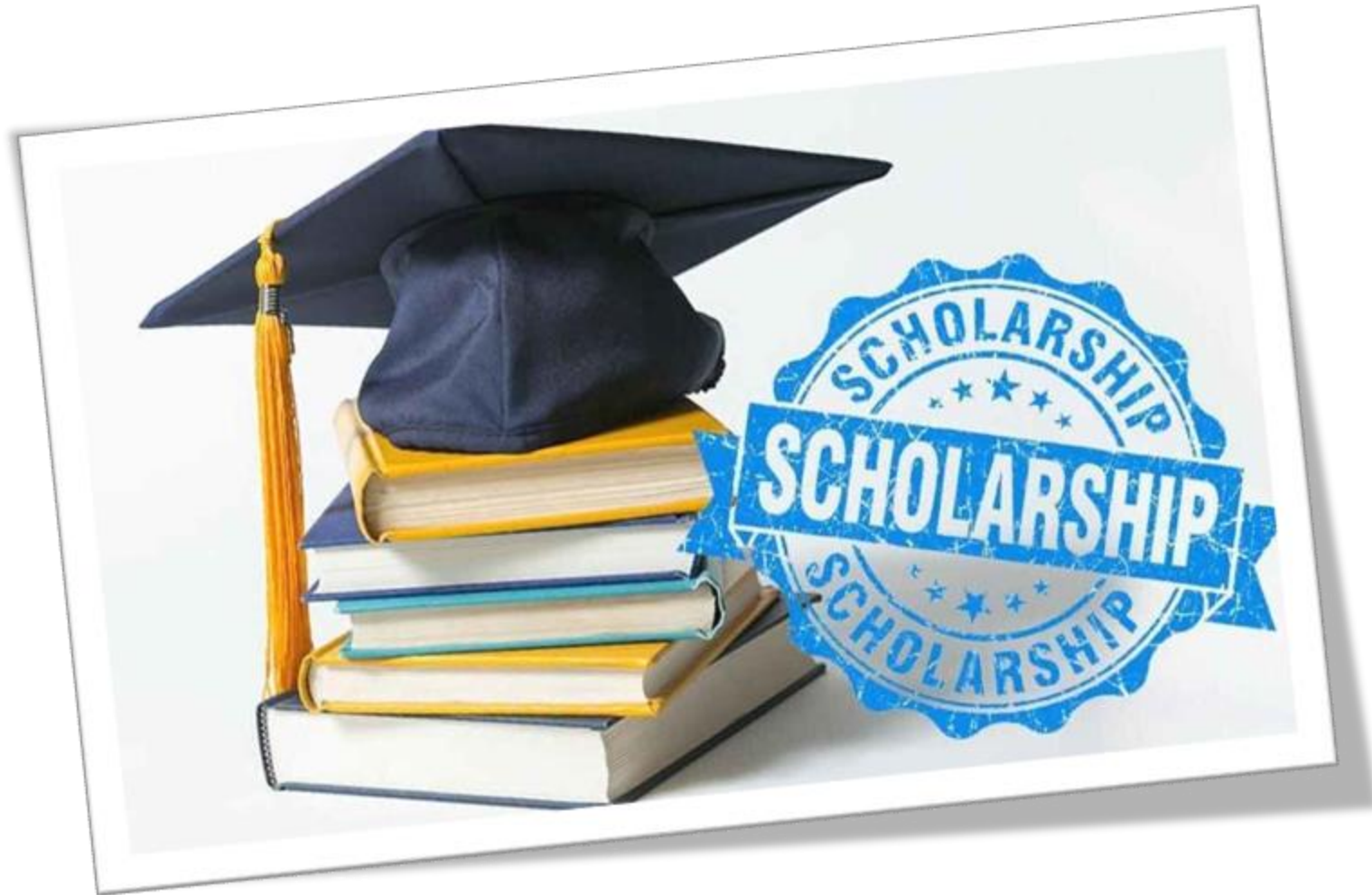
Parent/Guardian Handbooks

Summer Resources

Please note: We do not have the Q&A option available; but you can submit questions in the post-webinar survey.



**HAPPY
FATHER'S
DAY**



Scholarship Updates

Communication



Congratulations on your student's 2024-25 FTC/FES-EO scholarship award!

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Congratulations! Your student has been awarded a private school scholarship through the Florida Tax Credit (FTC) Scholarship/Family Empowerment Scholarship for Educational Options (FES-EO) programs for the 2024-25 school year.

Subject:

Sent: 06/04/24

Subject: Scholarship award

Communication

ENROLLMENT NOTIFICATION

Dear Parent/Guardian,

ACTION NEEDED: You have received a request to approve a School Enrollment Form for your student for the 2024-25 school year. A School Enrollment Form links your student to the selected private school for billing purposes.

Review your student's School Enrollment Form on your EMA dashboard [now](#) by clicking the button below to log in. ***IMPORTANT:** Please pay attention to the amount listed for your student as this will determine the quarterly payments made to your school. If the amount does not appear correct, please reach out to the school.*

Subject:

Sent: 06/05/24

Subject:

Request to approve school enrollment

Scholarship Amounts




Scholarship award amounts are determined by the state budget which is currently waiting to be signed by the governor. Parents will receive an email notification when the new award amounts are published. The updated amounts will also be available in EMA once they are released.

FTC/FES-EO Student Application Checklist



The New Application Season is Now Open School Year 24 - 25

 **Renewal Student Application Checklist**

Documents required for all renewal applications (FTC, FES-EO, FTCPEP and FES-UA)
 A student is considered a renewal if funded for the 2023-24 school year.


Proof of Florida residency (for primary parent/guardian only)
 All documents must be current (within 2 months from the submission date, if a recurring bill/statement), valid, and match the primary parent's/guardian's full name and the current physical street address provided on the application.
 Proof of Residence can be established with one document from Column A or two different documents from Column B.

Column A (upload one document)	Column B (upload two different documents)
Utility bill (electric, gas, water)	Florida driver's license or state-issued ID*
Mortgage statement or residential lease agreement	Paystub*
Proof of current government benefits: Social Security, Veterans Affairs, Disability, Medicare, Section 8/ HUD, TANF, SNAP, DCF correspondence	Automobile insurance statement*
Homestead or Property tax statement/assessment	
Permanent change of station (PCS) military orders	
Homeless Verification or Certificate	
Migrant Address Verification Letter	
Property deed	

*A secondary document is necessary.
 New for the 2024-25 school year: Proof of residency is no longer required for secondary guardians.

The application checklist and renewals can be found using the link below.

[Application Checklist](#)

 **New Student Application Checklist**

Documents required for all new applications (FTC, FES-EO, PEP and FES-UA)

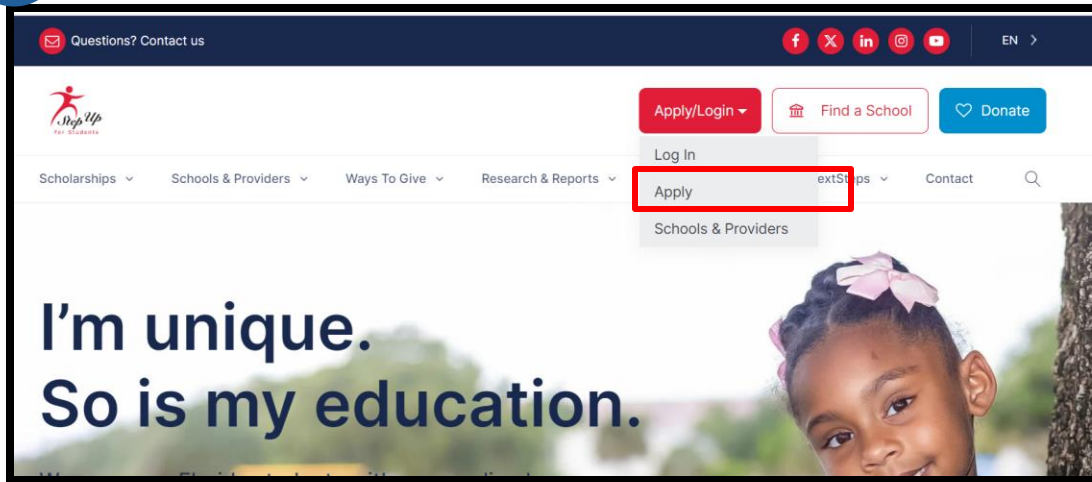
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Permanent change of station (PCS) military orders	Homeowners or renters insurance policy*
Homeless Verification or Certificate	Mortgage acceptance letter*
Migrant Address Verification Letter	*A secondary document is necessary.
Property deed	

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FTC/FES-EO Application Resources

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1. Visit stepupforstudents.org
2. Click on the red **“Apply/Login”** tab at the top of the page
3. Select **“Apply”** in the dropdown

4. Scroll down until you see the blue box titled, **“Resources”**
5. Under the FTC/FES-EO/PEP section you will see all the resources mentioned for Season Open

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Resources

- Scholarship Application Checklist
- Agreed-Upon Purchasing Guidelines Document Library
- FTC/FES-EO/PEP**
 - FTC/FES-EO Purchasing Guide
 - Renewal Families: Application Process Video
 - Renewal Families: Application Presentation
 - New Families: Application Process Video
 - New Families: Application Presentation
 - Adding a Student in EMA: New and Renewal
- FES-UA**
 - FES-UA Purchasing Guide
 - Renewal Families: Application Process Video
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FTC/FES-EO Application Resources



**Renewal Application
Process FTC/FES-EO
SY 24-25**



**New Application Process
FTC/FES-EO SY 24-25**



**Proceso de Solicitud de
Renovación para la Beca
Florida Tax Credit (FTC), (FES-
EO), y (FTCPEP)**



**Nuevo Proceso de Solicitud de
la Beca Florida Tax Credit
(FTC), (FES-EO), (FTCPEP) y
la Beca Hope**

NEW
MyScholarShop
VENDORS



MyScholarShop New Vendors



Company Name	Description of Services	Website
<p>Mightier</p> 	<p>Mightier blends digital gaming with off-screen activities to teach coping skills through play. It has 25+ games that teach your child how to regulate their emotions and use calming skills, while wearing a heart rate sensor.</p>	<p>https://www.mightier.com/</p>
<p>STEM Sims</p> 	<p>Provides virtual laboratories and engineering design simulations for grades K-12. However, it's not just simulations. You'll receive lessons, methods, video walkthroughs and more. All designed to support robust, minds-on STEM curriculum.</p>	<p>https://stemsims.com/</p>
<p>Classic Learning Test</p> 	<p>Classic Learning Test (CLT) offers online and paper assessments for grades 3-12 that evaluate reading, grammar, and mathematics and provide a comprehensive measure of achievement and aptitude. CLT exams emphasize foundational critical thinking skills and are accessible to students from a variety of educational backgrounds.</p>	<p>https://www.cltexam.com/</p>
<p>Alpha Earl Apps</p> 	<p>Alpha Earl Apps LLC has created a fun, educational playing card game - Make Your Words Count! MYWC cards help keep youth, adults and seniors engaged, enhance their vocabulary, learning skills, creates a social activity and more.</p>	<p>https://alphaearlapps.com/</p>
<p>Fantastic Games</p> 	<p>Board games, card games and puzzles. We have everything you can play on a table with your family and friends.</p>	<p>https://www.fantasticgames.com/</p>



FTC/FES-EO/PEP Parent/Guardian Handbook

Parent/Guardian Handbook



The FTC/FES-EO/PEP parent handbook serves as a guide on how to utilize your scholarship funds.

Over the next few slides, we will show you where to find answers to some of the most frequently asked questions we get about the FTC/FES-EO/PEP scholarship.

ESA Eligible Expenses

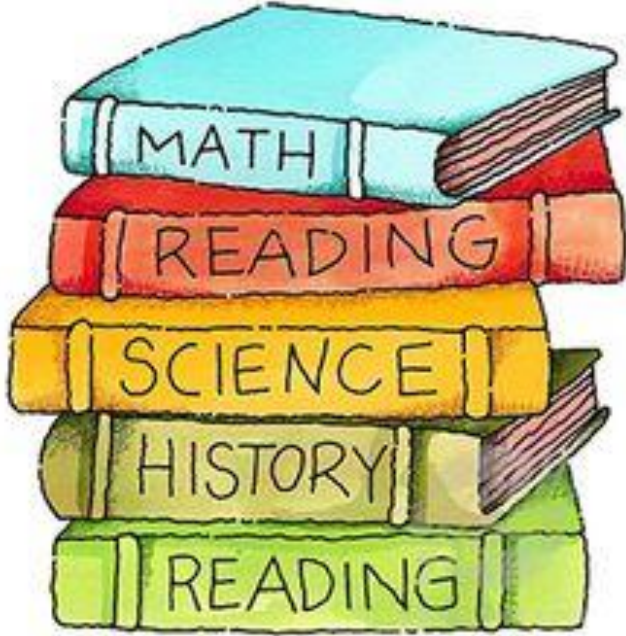
Tuition and Fees

FTC/FES-EO scholarship funds must first be committed to a participating private school. Any remaining funds can be used on the following expenses.

- Eligible private school
- Eligible postsecondary institution
- Approved pre-apprenticeship program
- Fees for part-time tutoring or Choice Navigator services
- Approved online or virtual provider
- Private-pay student for Florida Virtual School
- Contracted services provided by a public school or school district



ESA Eligible Expenses



- Instructional materials
- Curriculum
- Standardized testing fees



Refer to p. 11 of the Parent Handbook

Deadline for Submitting Reimbursements for the 2023-2024 School Year



- Goods or services must be purchased between July 1, 2023, and June 30, 2024.
- All reimbursement requests must be received by Step Up For Students by July 31, 2024.

Reimbursement Best Practices



Need help identifying the proper documentation needed when submitting a reimbursement?

We have some help for you. Use the link or the QR code to access our newest resource, “Reimbursement Best Practices for Families.”

[Reimbursement Best Practices for Families](#)



Account Balances

A student's unspent ESA funds may be rolled over from one school year into the next school year. However, once the student's scholarship account balance reaches \$24,000, Step Up For Students may not transfer scholarship funds into the student's scholarship account.

Parents/guardians are encouraged to monitor their student's scholarship balance and spending to ensure they remain eligible for scholarship payments.

Closure of Accounts

A student's scholarship account must be closed, and any remaining funds will be returned to the state after:

- Denial or revocation of program eligibility by the commissioner for fraud or abuse, including, but not limited to, the student or student's parent accepting any payment, refund, or rebate, in any manner, from a provider of any services received
- Any period of two consecutive fiscal years in which an account has been inactive.

Purchasing Guide



FTC/EO Purchasing
Guide

- Serves as a helpful reference for families navigating the scholarship process.
- Helps families understand which expenses are eligible and prohibited under the scholarship guidelines.
- Updated at least annually.
- Is **not** intended to prescribe any educational program.
- Please refer to Step Up For Student's FTC/FES-EO Purchasing Guide for more detailed information.



June 2024

PURCHASING GUIDE HOT TOPICS

**Digital Materials,
Wi-Fi
&
Internet Services**



Digital Materials

Approved Digital Materials/Items:

FTC/FES-EO scholarship funds must first be committed to a participating private school. Any remaining funds can be used on the following expenses.

- CDs
- DVDs
- Digital documents
- E-books
- Audiobooks
- Subscription or membership access to eBooks or Audiobooks for the student



Educational Software & Subscriptions

Approved Educational Software & Subscriptions

- Software Subscriptions
- Word Processing
- Microsoft Office
- Adobe, Video
- Music Editing Software
- LexisNexis
- QuickBooks
- Magazine subscription
- Newspaper subscription



Ineligible Educational Software & Subscriptions

- Video/TV/Online Streaming Services
- Musical Streaming Services
- In-Game Purchases or Credits
- Live Television
- Social Media (except LinkedIn Learning for Students)



Wi-Fi & Internet Services

Wi-Fi & Internet Services What's Covered?

- In-home internet services at the Florida residential address associated with the student's scholarship application.
- Modem or router rental from the internet service provider and billed with a monthly internet service is also eligible.





Susan Smith
5308 Sunshine Ln
JACKSONVILLE FL 32207-5002

Service
Address

AutoPay: Set up automatic payments that you can update whenever you want. Go to att.com/autopay today.

Managing your AT&T bills, products, and services on the go? It's a snap with myAT&T. Go to att.com/myatt to sign in or sign up.

Total due
\$116.97

Due Now: \$106.98

Account summary

Your last bill \$106.98
Due Now \$106.98

Service summary

Account charges Page 2 \$106.98
Internet Page 2 \$0.00

Total services - due Feb 04, 2024 \$106.98

Total due \$116.97

Ways to pay and manage your account:

myAT&T app iPhone and Android
att.com/pay
800.288.2020 TTY: 800.651.5111



Return this portion with your check in the enclosed envelope. Payments may take 7 days to post.



Susan Smith
5308 Sunshine Ln
JACKSONVILLE FL 32207-5002

Total due: \$116.97
Due Now: \$106.98

Account number: 1234567890
Please include account number on your check

Make check payable to:

AT&T
PO BOX 5014
CAROL STREAM, IL 60197-5014

CHECK FOR AUTOPAY
(SEE REVERSE)

Retailers
Name

Services Billed
For & Dates Of
Service

Amount
Requesting



Page: 2 of 3
Issue Date: Jan 12, 2024
Account Number: 1234567890

Service activity

Account charges

Activity since last bill Dec 13 - Jan 12
1. Late Payment Fee Jan 04
Total for Account charges \$106.98

Internet

Monthly charges Jan 13 - Feb 12
1. Internet 100 Stand-alone (Access from AT&T Promotional Offer) \$106.98
2. Access Unlimited Usage Plan \$0.00
Total for Internet \$106.98

Usage summary

Data	Used
Data allowance (unlimited GB)	3,962

News you can use

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Important information

Late payment fee

A late payment fee of up to \$9.99 will be assessed if payment is not received on or before the due date.

ACP support

If you have any questions or concerns about your Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) benefit, please call us at the AT&T ACP Center 866.986.0963.

Important information continues...

You or anyone in your household has the option to file a complaint against AT&T (or any other participating ACP provider) via the Federal Communications Commission's Consumer Complaint Center. See fcc.gov/complaints or call 888.225.5322 for the process to register a complaint.

Electronic check conversion

Paying by check authorizes AT&T to use the information from your check to make a one-time electronic fund transfer from your account. Funds may be withdrawn from your account as soon as your payment is received. If we cannot process the transaction electronically, you authorize AT&T to present an image copy of your check for payment. Your original check will be destroyed once processed. If your check is returned unpaid you agree to pay such fees as identified in the terms and conditions of your agreement, up to \$30. Returned checks may be presented electronically. If you want to save time and stamps, sign up for AutoPay at att.com/autopay using your checking account. It's easy, secure, and convenient!

Internet usage allowance

Unless your internet plan includes an unlimited data usage allowance, your total internet usage allowance will consist of your 1.5 terabyte (1.5 TB or 1,536 GB) plan usage allowance plus any additional offers. Exceeding your total internet usage allowance will result in a charge of \$10 for each additional 50 GB of data even if less than 50 GB is consumed up to a maximum overage charge of \$100 a month. Visit att.com/internet-usage to view details of your internet data usage.

Customer support

Wi-Fi & Internet Services: Sample Receipt





If I made a mistake and applied for the wrong scholarship, how can that be fixed?

Changing Scholarships

ANSWER: Please contact the Customer Engagement Center at (877)735-7837 to get help declining the current scholarship you have applied for. After that, you can apply for either the Personalized Education Plan (PEP) or the Family Empowerment Scholarship for Unique Abilities (FES-UA). The declined scholarship form is linked on the next slide. We recommend that you familiarize yourself with the available scholarship options by visiting our website at www.stepupforstudents.org.

Changing Scholarships



Decline From (English)



Decline From (Spanish)



Step Up for Students Website



How can I purchase items through MyScholarshop?



MyScholarShop Purchases

How can I purchase items through MyScholarShop?

Answer: For instructions on how to purchase items through MyScholarShop, please visit our YouTube video. For the English version, click [here](#). For the Spanish version, you may access it [here](#).

Is MyScholarShop only available for homeschool?

Answer: No, MyScholarShop is available for all scholarship students; however, the items you can purchase depend on the scholarship you have been awarded. For a list of approved purchases for the FTC/FES-EO scholarships, see the Purchasing Guide linked [here](#).



MyScholarShop Purchases

Is MyScholarShop free?

Answer: The cost of items in MyScholarShop varies, but you can use your scholarship dollars to make purchases.

Is MyScholarShop only available to families with remaining funds?

Answer: MyScholarShop is available to all families with remaining funds.



MyScholarShop Resource

MyScholarShopResource



If I have remaining scholarship funds in my account, how will those funds apply towards the next school year?

Rollover Funding & Use

Answer:

Unspent scholarship funds from one school year will remain in a student's account for the following school year. Reimbursements for program expenditures may continue until the account balance is expended or no activity in the account for 2 years will result in returned funds to the state.

The student's scholarship account must be closed, and any remaining funds shall revert to the state after:

1. Denial or revocation of program eligibility by the commissioner for fraud or abuse, including, but not limited to, the student or student's parent accepting any payment, refund, or rebate, in any manner, from a provider of any services received pursuant to paragraph (4)(a); or
2. Two consecutive fiscal years in which an account has been inactive; or
3. A student remains unenrolled in an eligible private school for 30 days while receiving a scholarship that requires full-time enrollment.

[Refer to p. 24 of the Parent Handbook](#)



Can the Transportation Stipend be used with New Worlds Scholarship Accounts (formerly New Worlds Reading)?

Transportation Stipend & The New Worlds Scholarship Account



Answer:

Yes, if your student is eligible, you may apply for both the Transportation Stipend, New Worlds Scholarship Account.





**Why do parents need to approve
quarterly payments next year?**

Approving Quarterly Payments

ANSWER:

As part of scholarship participation, parent and student responsibilities listed in Florida statute include the requirement that parents approve each payment before scholarship funds can be deposited. The parent may not designate any entity or individual associated with the eligible private school to approve payments.

A vibrant, 3D-style graphic for 'Summer Resources'. The word 'SUMMER' is written in large, colorful, block letters: 'S' is green, 'U' is light blue, 'M' is teal, 'M' is blue, 'E' is dark blue, and 'R' is purple. A rainbow arches over the 'S' and 'U'. The letters are set on a light blue, wavy base that resembles water. To the left, there are blue, bubbly waves and a red starfish. To the right, there are more blue waves and a blue cloud-like shape. The entire graphic is set against a white background.

SUMMER
RESOURCES

Avoiding the Summer Slide

Did you know kids can lose some academic skills and knowledge over the summer if they don't use them?



Summer Regression, or the Summer Slide, is the loss of academic skills over the summer.

Studies show that reading six books over the summer can help prevent the Summer Slide.

Find ways to keep your child's mind active during the summer months.

Summer Slide Prevention Tips

Ways to prevent Summer Slide

- Read every day, or be read to, and choose books that interest you.
- Practice math skills by playing games, doing crafts, or using math functions in daily activities.
- Find something interesting to investigate, such as a new recipe, a science experiment, or a learning adventure.
- Visit the library and participate in its fun activities, such as read-aloud or book reading challenges.



Summer Slide Prevention Resources

No time to travel? No problem – bring the world to your fingertips. Virtually visit the Smithsonian Zoo and spy on black-footed ferrets, elephants, lions, and naked mole-rats. Listen to a podcast explaining the connection between cell phones and rocks! See Dorothy's shoes. Count Carl Lewis' gold medals. The activities are endless and free!

Resources to Investigate

[Libraries and Archives in the United States](#) – Explore libraries of all kinds all over the US.

[National Park Service](#) – Learn and explore America's story through The National Parks.

[Smithsonian Institute](#) – Explore the world's largest museum investigating digital resources, learning online, and touring virtually.



Summer Slide Prevention Resources

Resources - Reading and Math (free)

[Khan Academy Kids](#) - Inspire a lifetime of learning and discovery with our free, fun educational program for children ages two to eight.

[Khan Academy Kids Summer Camp](#) - Fun summer learning program for kids ages 2-8.

[Khan Academy Kids Printables](#) - Fun educational off-screen family activities.

Resources – Reading (free)

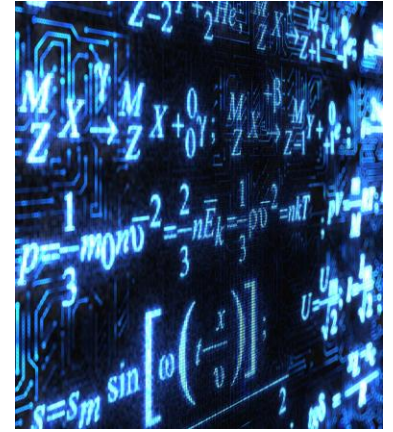
[Khan Academy Kids Circle Time](#) - YouTube videos with interactive stories and lessons.

[Khan Academy Recommended Reading List](#) – Lists of books kids will not want to put down.

[ALSC Summer Reading List 2024](#) - Four Summer Reading lists for birth-preschool and grades K-2, 3-5 and 6-8. Contains book titles and other digital media options to keep children engaged in reading and exploring throughout the summer. Each list is available here to download for free.

[Scholastic Summer Reading Challenge](#) – A program with activities that allows kids to track their reading hours.

[18 Best Places to Download Free Audiobooks](#) – Get thousands of audiobooks – totally free, full-length downloads.



Summer Slide Prevention Resources

Resources – Math

[5 Math Games to Inspire Young Minds](#) - Educators from Education Development Center's (EDC) Games for Young Mathematicians pick five favorites.

[Young Mathematicians Games](#) – Engage kids in math while playing these fun games.

[Math Games](#) – Play math games with just a deck of cards.

Other Resources

[Tip Sheet from NCASE](#) – National Center On Afterschool and Summer Enrichment (NCASE) presents tips on how to engage your child in fun, meaningful learning activities throughout the summer.

[Camp Book It!](#) – Pizza Hut is giving away free pizza for reading over the summer.

[10 At-Home Activities](#) – Hands-on learning activities for your child.



Summer is here, get outside
to jump and cheer!

Funding Information and Resources



FTC/EO Parent
Handbook



Purchasing Guide



March Open House



April Open House



May Open House

**DID YOU MISS AN FTC/FES-EO OPEN HOUSE?
NOT TO WORRY, WE HAVE THE RECORDINGS HERE FOR YOUR REVIEW.**



**FTC/FES-EO Open House
August 8th, 2024**



**FES-UA Open House
June 20th, 2024**



**PEP Open House
June 27th, 2024**

**LOOKING FOR ADDITIONAL OPEN HOUSES FOR FES-UA OR PEP?
NOT TO WORRY, WE HAVE THE LINKS HERE FOR YOU JUST SCAN THE QR CODE
ABOVE.**

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Step Up Parents

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