



Hasbro Summer Learning Initiative FAQs

What is the Hasbro Summer Learning Initiative?

The Hasbro Summer Learning Initiative, or HSLI for short, is a six-week summer model that offers Rhode Island children a thrilling learning opportunity that combines hands-on experiences with real-world applications; field trips to deepen knowledge; and a commitment to service learning that builds essential skill such as civic-mindedness and citizenship.

The HSLI receives funding from the Hasbro Children’s Fund, the State of Rhode Island, and United Way of Rhode Island.

When is it? How long is it?

Programs in the HSLI run for six weeks during the summertime. Programs typically start in late June or early July.

Why focus on summer learning?

Because summertime is when the very real phenomenon called “summer learning loss” occurs if children and youth are not engaged in active learning. Research demonstrates that all children, regardless of their socioeconomic status, lose up to two months of math computational skills, while children from lower-income situations also may lose up to two months of reading skills. High-quality summer learning programs like those in HSLI can reverse summer learning loss by offering engaging, hands-on learning opportunities that build children’s academic, social-emotional, and essential skills.

How many sites do you have? Where are they?

There are 14 sites in 13 communities across the state: Central Falls, Cumberland, Newport, North Kingstown, North Providence, Pawtucket, Providence, Westerly, West Warwick, and Woonsocket.

I want my child to attend. What do I do?

HSLI programs use various recruitment strategies. Contacting the program coordinators directly is the most effective way to find out if there are requirements and availability/space.

How can I help?

Become an advocate for summer learning! Ask your local and state legislators to support summer learning programs that promote holistic, exciting learning opportunities for children that send them back to school in September ready to tackle their new grade-level curriculum. Help United Way of Rhode Island turn “summer school” on its head! “Summer learning” is the way to go!

