

# The School Year Ahead



PHOENIX ACADEMY at the Academy of Choice  
and Summit Learning

As we launch into a new school year, we know you're keen to learn more about what's in store. Keep an eye out for this weekly Insider where we'll introduce the different elements of Summit Learning, and will share tips and resources to help you engage in your student's learning.

## Student Experience

Whether your child participated last year in the program, or this is your first introduction, welcome to the Summit Learning community!

Summit Learning is a personalized approach to teaching and learning that is based on decades of established research i.e. what learning science says our students need.

In class, your student will be engaged in projects that give them hands-on experience with the real-world scenarios they will encounter after graduation - like collaborating with a team, interpreting data, and presenting a persuasive argument. All projects end with a final product that students complete and their teachers grade - for example, final projects could be an oral presentation, a writing piece or a structured discussion/debate.

Your student will also have a dedicated mentor they will meet with 1:1 regularly, who will know them deeply and support them in setting and achieving their personal goals.

There will be also a focus on developing what we call 'Self-direction' - an invaluable skill that can be applied to any task in the adult world. Your student will learn how to set goals, make plans, and reflect on their learning - a cycle of learning they can for all of their school work.



## Getting Involved

There are many ways to get involved with your student's learning. Not only will you be able to reach out to their teachers - as always - but you'll also be able to reach out to your student's mentor who will be able to talk to you about conversations they're having around goal-setting and more. Hear from teachers all around the country about their own experience with Summit Learning in this [overview video](#).



## FAQs

**Q: What kind of schools are using Summit Learning?**

**A:** Summit Learning schools reflect the diversity of the country, from district schools to charter schools and private schools around the country. More than 350 schools across the country participate in the Summit Learning Program today, of which over 75% are traditional public schools.

## In The News

[Voices from the classroom: I changed my classroom after 20 years because the world has changed](#)

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# THE SCIENCE OF SUMMIT

## Part One: Putting Into Practice What Science Says Works

What if we were to pull together 50+ years of academic research into one comprehensive school experience? Well, that's exactly what Summit did. In partnership with nationally acclaimed learning scientists and education experts, every single element of Summit Learning is grounded in what science says about how students learn best.

Summit Learning is about taking good teaching to the next level and equipping students with the skills, knowledge and habits that we know they need to lead fulfilled lives. Read and download the full Science of Summit white paper [here](#) to learn more about the science behind Summit Learning.

## SUMMIT LEARNING STUDENT OUTCOMES

