

The Heart of the Classroom

Every subject is led by a teacher.

Teachers use their knowledge, expertise, and training to educate and engage students in their classrooms in a variety of traditional and innovative ways.

The Role of the Teacher.

Did You Know: The Summit Learning Program is led by a team of educators with decades of combined experience in coaching teachers, writing curriculum, and working in classrooms throughout the U.S.

In a 2019 survey of more than 1,700 Summit Learning teachers in the Program, 94% said the Summit Learning model helped them become better teachers, and 95% said Summit Learning positively impacted their students. Teachers also reported improved academic growth, greater student engagement, increased student attendance, and more positive student interactions.

Summit Learning Teachers Focus On:

Teaching through projects.

Teachers support learning in the classroom by teaching a subject through whole group instruction, small group sessions, and one-on-one time. Summit Learning offers teachers a set of curricular resources that centers around project-based learning. Through hands-on projects, teachers show students how to apply lifelong skills — such as collaborating with a team, interpreting data, and presenting persuasive arguments.

Fostering Lifelong Learning Habits.

In addition to what's being taught by teachers, students have access to a range of learning resources through technology tools that help accelerate learning. By practicing studying in different ways, students develop an understanding of how they learn best. This helps students build habits that help them thrive throughout their lives. Habits like self-awareness, curiosity, and resilience.

Mentoring students.

Teachers also play an additional role as mentors to their students, providing support through weekly one-on-one meetings. Teachers help students set long-term and short-term goals and coach them through their progress.

A New Level of Support for Teachers

Valuable professional development.

Several times a year, teachers in the Summit Learning program attend in-person trainings to understand the teaching approach, collaborate with their school team on how to adapt the program to their school context, and make plans for a successful implementation throughout the school year. Ultimately, the professional development opportunities allow teachers to grow in ways that help them support the needs of each and every student.

A fully customizable curriculum that can be adapted to fit students' needs.

Schools and districts have access to rigorous curricular materials, and they have the power to make changes in order to align the curriculum to their local standards — which they are encouraged to do. Teachers often continue to use supplemental materials that they have been utilizing in the classroom for years.

Technology tools to know their students better and therefore build stronger relationships.

Teachers can track in real-time how their students are performing and adjust lessons to fit their needs. They can be more strategic with how they spend their time with students and can provide materials to individual students at a level that best meets their needs.

Access to a network of schools and educators across the country.

Teachers in the Summit Learning Program can collaborate with and learn from peers at other schools, as well as share resources. This can help strengthen their teaching approach and introduce new ideas.

If you are interested in bringing Summit Learning to your school and you would like to see it in action, contact support@summitlearning.org to find out more.