

**Timberlane Regional School District
Students in Grades 6-8 in 2026-2027
Optional Summer Learning**

The following list of suggested resources and hyperlinks is provided to help students over the summer maintain or progress in their academic skills and/or foster a desire to be lifelong learners and thinkers.

Some of the suggestions focus on skill building practice and activities that promote academic growth, whereas other suggestions serve to provide enrichment, engagement, and/or a way to gain general knowledge in content areas. Some of the suggestions are resources that may be visited frequently for short amounts of time (skill building practice), whereas other suggestions may be a one time experience and a way to spend a day over the summer alongside family and friends (enrichment/engagement). While some of the resources provide an opportunity to create an account, all of the listings can be used without logging in/signing in (unless students have already created an account with their teacher).

Although students and families should feel free to try as many of these activities as possible and as needed, the list is not meant to be used in its entirety with the purpose of completion. Consider choosing activities from a discipline in which the student needs growth, and then include additional enrichment activities in other content areas that are passions or strengths. Or, consider a challenge of choosing an enrichment activity from a discipline in which there isn't already a strong interest. Check with local libraries for free passes to various museums and locations.

We hope you enjoy the activities, and we are looking forward to hearing about your experiences when you return to school!

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Language Arts (6-8)

Reading

Visit the town library for books, museum passes, and events:

[Plaistow](#)

[Atkinson](#)

[Danville](#)

[Sandown](#)

Enrichment reading literature:

[Book Recommendation List](#)

[Sora](#): online app for ebooks, accounts set up through Timberlane

[Poem of the Day](#) Reading and discussing poetry increases engagement in creative writing, thinking, and expression.

[Poetry.com](#) vast selection of poetry

[Poetry 4 Kids](#) poems, lessons, and activities for kids

[Shel Silverston](#) books, videos, and learning resources

[Children's Poetry Archive](#) poetry read out loud

[American Life Poetry](#) poetry archive of contemporary poems

[Teen Ink](#): - writing and art by teens

Grammar Practice

[No Red Ink](#): Grammar skill building, interactive practice: (create a free, personalized account)

[Chomp Chomp](#): Grammar skill building, interactive practice.

ELA Skill Development

[iReady](#): For skill development and practice, students are encouraged to continue on their pathways

ELA Vocabulary Building Games

[Wordle](#): NY Times word game

[Word Whomp](#) Online word games

Writing

[Journal Buddies](#): Daily journal prompts can inspire writing. Journals help students practice the writing process, increase writing stamina, and challenge thinking through a variety of topics.

Podcasts

Here are some excellent, student-approved podcasts to listen to for enrichment and building content knowledge : [But Why: A Podcast for Curious Kids](#), [The Past and The Curious: A History Podcast for Kids](#), [Brains On!](#), [Smash, Boom, Best](#) and [The Unexplainable Disappearance of Mars Patel](#).

Social Studies (6-8)

Geography Skills

[Seterra](#): Use this site to increase background knowledge and visualization of geography around the world or the United States.

Day Trips

Go on a day trip for content knowledge and enrichment.

[The Freedom Trail](#): Go on a day trip to Boston to uncover the rich colonial heritage and contributions that the city made to the founding of the United States.

Discover/visit places that hold our rich, local history

[Canterbury Shaker Village](#)

[Strawberry Banke Museum](#)

[Enfield Shaker Museum](#)

[NH Farm Museum](#)

[covered bridge tour](#)

[Atkinson Historical Society](#)

[Danville Historical Society](#)

[Plaistow Historical Society](#)

[Sandown Historical Society](#)

[Independence Museum](#)

[Portsmouth Black Heritage Trail](#)

[Peabody Essex Museum](#)

[Albacore Museum, Portsmouth, NH](#)

[Wright Museum](#)

[NH Historical Society Museum](#)

[Currier Museum](#)

[Portsmouth Historical Society](#)

[American Heritage Museum](#)

Manchester Mills

Lowell Mills

Prepare for the Citizenship Exam (high school graduation requirement)

[Civics Flashcards](#)

Current Events:

Click on the following links to gain enriching content knowledge, practice informational text reading skills, and find inspiration for discussion.

[Flocabulary](#)

[DOGO News](#)

Math (6-8)

Click on the following links for continued math practice and skill development:

[iReady](#): For skill development and practice, students are encouraged to continue on their pathways

[Math Counts: Problem of the week](#): For practice on multiplication facts or fractions.

Click on the following links for enriching activities:

[Illuminations Brain Teasers](#)

[Math Olympiad Problem of the Month](#)

[Esti-mysteries, fraction splat, cube conversions](#)

[Daily SET puzzle](#)

[Math Games](#)

World Language (6-8)

Discovery Education (on TRMS Destiny) for both [Spanish](#) and [French](#) allows students to practice skills, learn content knowledge, and explore enriching activities.

Vocabulary and Grammar Skills

[Study Spanish](#) Spanish grammar lessons to support grammar knowledge.

[Blooket](#) Online games to support vocabulary knowledge. Students can search for specific vocabulary on the website.

French

[French Short Stories](#) (easy)

[French Short Stories](#) (easy-medium)

[French Fairy Tales](#) (easy)

[Coffee break French](#) (practical French skills)

Science (6-8)

Online Enrichment:

[Gizmos](#)

[Science Snacks](#) - Collection of hands-on activities to explore natural phenomenon at home with easily-available materials.

Day Trips

Go on a day trip for content knowledge and enrichment

[Living Shores Aquarium](#)

[Museum of Science, Boston](#)

[The Butterfly Place, Westford MA](#)

[NH Fish & Game Fish Hatcheries and Education Centers](#)

[NH State Parks](#)

[Squam Lake Natural Science Center](#)

[Seacoast Science Center](#)

[Great Bay Discovery Center](#)

[McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center](#)

[Montshire Museum](#)

[SEE Science Center](#)

[NERD \(New England Reptile Distributors\) \(offers tours\)](#)

[Discovery Museum \(Acton, MA\)](#)

[EcoTarium \(Worcester, MA\)](#)

[Wildlife Encounters \(offers tours\)](#)

Listen to podcasts for enrichment and content knowledge:

[Brains On!](#) - Science podcast for kids. Also available on Apple Podcasts and Spotify.

[Science magazine podcasts](#) - *Science* magazine publishes current research across all fields of science.

[Wow in the World - Tinkercast](#) - Podcasts (and activities) about new stories in science, technology, and innovation. New episodes are released every Monday. Also available on Apple Podcasts and Spotify.

Unified Arts(6-8)

Technology

[Typing.com](#) Students will log in with their Google accounts to practice skill development.

[Hour of Code](#) This website offers both skill development and enrichment for computer programming.

[Tinkercad](#) 3D design virtual

Culinary

[My Plate](#) learn how to eat healthy

[America's Test Kitchen](#)- divides cooking classes into categories; organized by difficulty level to find classes geared more towards beginners

[King Arthur Baking](#) - virtual cooking classes

[Tiny Chef](#) - virtual cooking classes

[Real Food 4 Kids](#) - class and subscription information and opportunities

STEAM

[Little Bins](#) - variety of STEM activities/info/resources

[Science Sparks](#) – STEM challenges for kids

[NASA for kids](#) - interactive games and hands on activities

[Left Brain Craft Brain](#) – 50 awesome crafting projects for kids

Programming

[Make Code](#) - games, tutorials, live coding

[Scratch](#) - create digital stories, games, and animations

Art

Online Art Museums for enrichment and content knowledge:

[The Metropolitan Museum of Art](#)

[National Gallery of Art](#)

[Smithsonian American Art Museum](#)

[Harvard Art Museums](#)

[Museum of Fine Arts Boston](#)

Art Museums in New Hampshire to visit in person for enrichment and content knowledge:

[Currier Museum of Art](#)

[Andres Institute Sculpture Park](#)

[Hood Museum](#)

[MONA Portsmouth](#)

Art Studio in Manchester, NH that offers summer classes for skill development:

[Studio 550](#)

Music

The following links are for skill development, reinforcement and enrichment.

Band and Orchestra

[Smart Music](#) allows students to search for music in their ensemble category (band or orchestra) and develop skills as they play along to new songs.

Guitar

[Hub guitar](#) allows students to practice skill development.

All musicians

[Theta Music Trainer](#) Provides enrichment through the use of musical games.

PE/Health

[Atkinson Sun and Fun](#)

[Plaistow YMCA](#)

[Plaistow Recreation Department](#)

[Sandown Recreation Department](#)