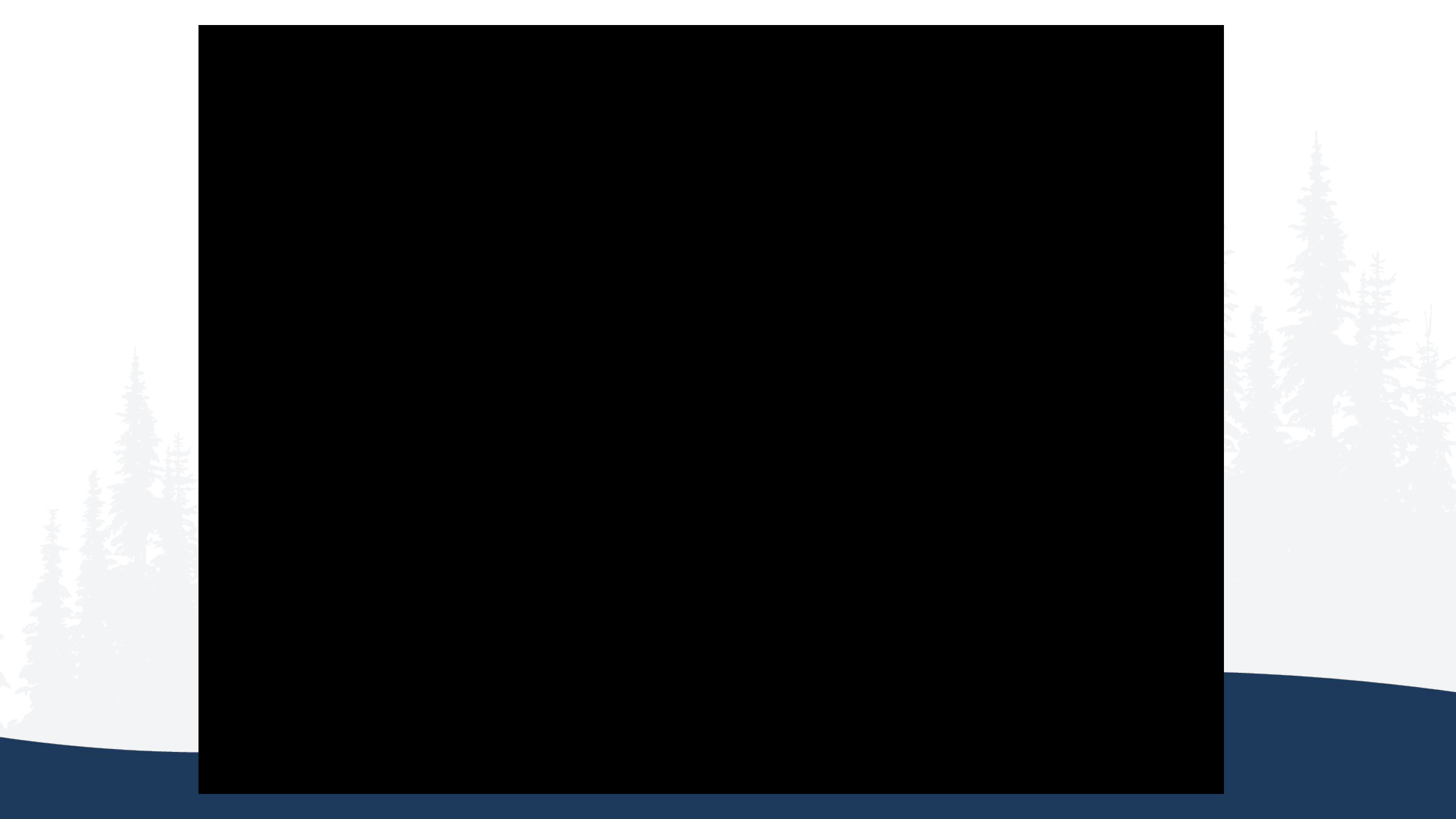


Summer Acceleration Academy (SAA) Reflections

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Summer Acceleration Academy 2024: Excellence in Summer Learning Award Winner!

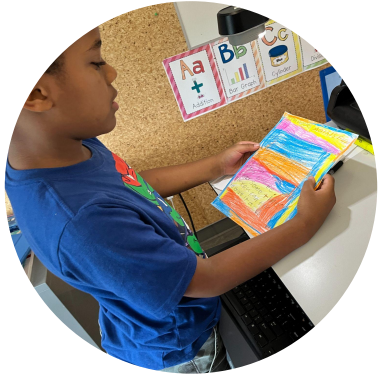
The New York Life Foundation Excellence in Summer Learning Award and NSLA Founder's Award recognize **outstanding summer programs** that demonstrate **excellence in accelerating academic achievement** and promoting **healthy development** for low-income children and youth between pre-kindergarten and twelfth grade.

Since 2005, the Excellence in Summer Learning Award program has been a critical strategy of the National Summer Learning Association (NSLA) to support the growth and visibility of high-quality summer learning programs.



[Learn more about the visit from NSLA here.](#)

SAA 2024: Mission, Vision, and Audacious Goal



Mission

PPS Summer Acceleration Academy will provide students with a successful onramp to the school year by engaging them in joyful learning opportunities that leverage their interests and strengths to address unfinished grade-level learning, prioritizing students who identify as members of persistently underserved racial and ethnic groups in service of disrupting the predictability of outcomes based on race.



Vision

All students who participate in Summer Acceleration Academy will start the school year confident in their ability to successfully engage in grade-level content, employ student strengths and agency as learners, and with a strong sense of self, community, and belonging.



Audacious Goal

Students who participate in Summer Acceleration Academy will experience knowledge building, skill development, and enriching and transformative experiences that will accelerate their growth in literacy and propel them toward achieving grade level proficiency as measured by district-adopted assessments in the following school year.

Summer Acceleration Academy (SAA) 2024: Program Overview

- **Serving ~2200 K-5 Students at 11 Sites**
 - Students who need support in literacy based on district-adopted assessments
 - Prioritized enrollment for historically underserved students
 - Embedded DLI & ELD Programs
 - Early Kindergarten Transition (EKT) Program in partnership with SUN
- **Transportation & Meals Provided**
- **Afternoon Enrichment** activities & provided by partner organizations to increase access for working families.
- **22 Days of Instruction, Daily:**
 - 90 minutes of Core-Aligned Literacy
 - 60 minutes of Math
 - 60 minutes of Science/Technology
 - 60 minutes SUNBlock Enrichment
 - 30 minute lunch
- **Reading Support Team** (Reading Specialist, Special Educator, EAs, and **PPS Rising Educators**) provided targeted, small group literacy instruction for all students
- **SUN Block** 60 minute collaboration with SUN partners provided enrichment during the day for all students



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