



SUMMER CLIMB

STOP THE SLIDE JOIN OUR CLIMB

On average, students lose **ONE MONTH** of learning over the summer. This is the "**summer slide.**"

- The slide disproportionately affects low income students and students of color more acutely
- After COVID-19, we can't afford another slide
 - Students in K-2 have NEVER had a normal year of school
 - The last normal year for 3rd grader was kindergarten

3rd grade is when students transition from **learning to read** to **reading to learn**

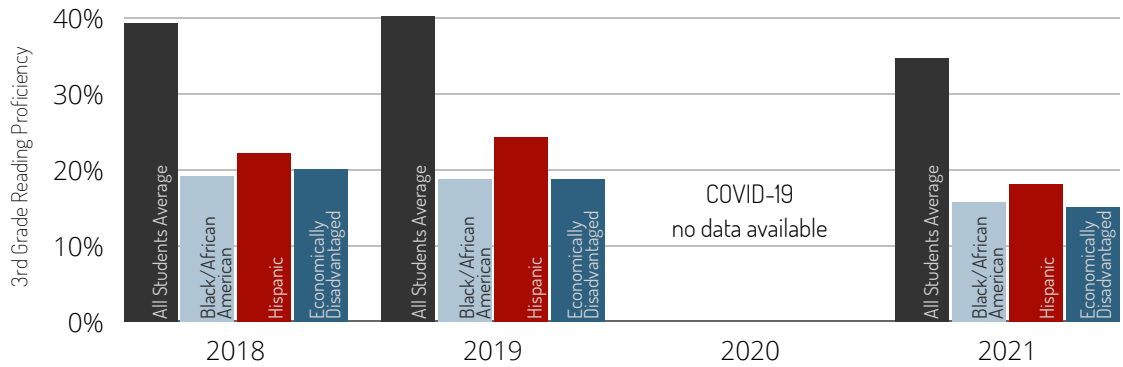
- Students who are not proficient in reading by 3rd grade are **4-6X** more likely to drop out
- Students living in poverty who are not proficient in reading by 3rd grade are another **3X** more likely to drop out than those who are not

Knox County Schools 3rd Grade Reading Proficiency

Reading proficiency among Black, African American, Hispanic students is consistently **18%** lower than peers

Reading proficiency among students living in poverty is currently **20%** lower than peers

Between 2019 and 2021, 3rd grade reading proficiency slid backwards **5.5%**



JOIN OUR CLIMB!



The Summer Climb...

...is a call to action for parents, educators, schools, community leaders, and stakeholders to collaborate in addressing the educational disparity impacting student success. Knox Education Foundation invites the community, schools, and families to join our climb as we seek high quality, data-driven solutions to promote the **SUMMER CLIMB** for all students in Knox County.



High Quality, High Dosage Tutoring



Blended Academic Learning



Early Intervention



Research-Based Literacy



Summer Reading Programs



Community Partnerships

“Summer provides a unique window of opportunity to engage families and leverage the strengths of those families, the communities in which they live, and other stakeholders to improve the well-being of children and youth. Better collaboration and coordination among these parties are needed to identify and prioritize high-quality summertime experiences, with special attention to the needs of children and youth who currently lack these opportunities.” (National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine, 2019)

To join our climb, visit: <https://knoxed.org/initiatives/summer-climb/>

