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Lancaster Family YMCA Early Learning Academy

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THE LANCASTER FAMILY YMCA: CLOSING THE ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT GAP

**Early Learning Programs
(YMCA Early Learning Academy)**
Pre-K Counts site for School District of Lancaster
Partner organization in United Way of Lancaster County's Learning Lancaster Collaborative

**Pre-K Camp for Children Entering Kindergarten
(YMCA Early Learning Academy)**

**Summer Enrichment and Learning
(YMCA Branch Day Camps)**

**Summer Enrichment and Learning
(YMCA Camp Shand Day/Overnight Camps)**

**Summer Learning Loss Prevention Program
"Camp Exploration"
(for 1st - 2nd grade students falling behind in reading proficiency)**

**Power Scholars Academy™
(Tackles summer learning loss for low-income children in urban communities)**

**Service Camp and Counselor in Training
Camps for Teens
(YMCA Camp Shand)**

EARLY LEARNING: AGES 3-5

SUMMER ENRICHMENT AND LEARNING LOSS PREVENTION: GRADES K-12



What is the Academic Achievement Gap?

The "Academic Achievement Gap" refers to the disparity in academic performance between groups of students. It's most often used to describe the performance gaps that exists between students from low-income families and those who are better off.

A lack of access to quality early learning programs and summer enrichment opportunities are key contributors to the Academic Achievement Gap

Kids from low-income families who lack the resources for quality early education programs often start school unprepared, falling behind their peers at the beginning of their academic careers. This problem only deepens when they lack access to summer learning and enrichment opportunities, causing the gap in learning to widen over time. The negative impact of the achievement gap becomes evident in students' grades, standardized-test scores, low graduation and college attainment rates.