Learning Loss: Statewide Impact of COVID

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AGENDA

- Study of Academic Impact in Indiana
 - Purpose
 - Analysis & Initial Outcomes
- Out-of-School Time Supports
 - Intentional Program Design
 - Ongoing Staff Training
 - Integrated Daily Activities



Study of Academic Impact in Indiana



BACKGROUND

Public Law 211-2021

• Charged IDOE to conduct a study of COVID-19'S impact on student learning outcomes for 2020/2021 and 2021/2022

American Rescue Plan Act

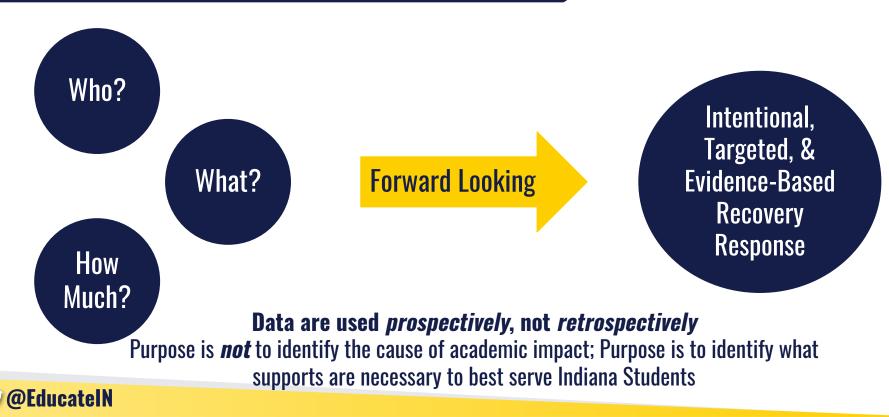
• Requires states to reserve at least 5% of awarded grant funds to carry out activities to address the academic impacts of COVID-19

Academic Impact Study

• IDOE contracted with the Center for Assessment to conduct research and analysis of COVID-19's academic impact in Indiana



PURPOSE OF STUDY



DATA SOURCES

ILEARN Assessment

• Available for grades 3-8 in ELA & math

WIDA ACCESS 2.0 Assessment

• English Language Proficiency Exam for grades 1-12

NWEA MAP Assessment

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• Available for grades 1-10 in ELA & math

ACADEMIC IMPACT & RECOVERY TIME

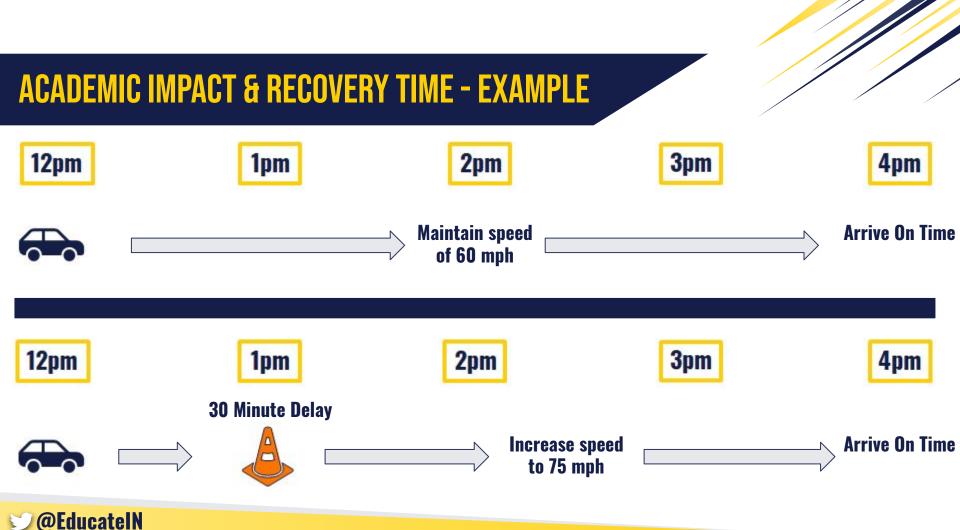
Academic Impact

- Measurement of whether student growth was faster or slower than pre-pandemic student growth
- Comparison of how student achievement and student growth differ pre- and post-pandemic

Recovery Time

- Returning to where students or groups of students would be under "normal" learning conditions
- NOT defined as attaining proficiency
- Dependent upon the degree of academic impact

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ACADEMIC IMPACT & RECOVERY TIME

Academic Impact Category	Recovery Time	Academic Supports
SIGNIFICANT	> one school year	Requires targeted supplemental academic supports
MODERATE	≤ one school year	Requires supplemental academic supports
MINOR/NO	minimal	Minor deviations from general supports



2020/2021 ACADEMIC IMPACT ANALYSIS

Key Findings

- Academic impact in math is consistently SIGNIFICANT across all grades & students
- Academic impact in E/La is MODERATE to SIGNIFICANT across all grades & students
- Likelihood that academic impacts extend across all grades & content areas
- Questions about the efficacy of education pre-pandemic are a concern in isolated contexts where MINOR/NO impact observed
- In-person instruction was generally the best mode of instruction for students, consistently leading to the highest learning rates
- Rates of learning required for recovery are unprecedented at the scale required to return to where students would be under "normal" learning conditions

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ACADEMIC IMPACT ANALYSIS - SPECIFIC CONCERNS

Type 1: Issues resulting from the pandemic

- Academic impact in math is consistently SIGNIFICANT
- Academic impact in E/La is consistently MODERATE to SIGNIFICANT
- Likelihood that similar academic impacts extend across all K-12 grades & content areas

Type 2: Issues existing before the pandemic

- English language learners in high school experienced MINOR/NO impact
- Special education students statewide experienced MODERATE impact
- Lowest achievers statewide experienced MINOR/NO impact

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Out-of-School Time Supports



WHAT WE KNOW...

- Academic recovery will take time
- Youth with increased needs are not receiving the support they need
- Out-of-School Time (OST) presence has remained consistent
- OST programs offer all youth opportunities to engage in nontraditional learning that directly targets academic needs
- Addressing academic needs of youth requires intentionality at all levels of OST programming



CREATING IMPACT





INTENTIONAL PROGRAM DESIGN

- Ensure daily programming is connected to the <u>Indiana Afterschool Standards</u>
- Regularly engage with a diverse group of stakeholders this can include program personnel, school-day staff, families, community partners, etc.
 - Don't forget to include youth in this step! The more connection you have to youth, the more you know about their specific needs
 - Surveys
 - Elementary Interest Survey
 - <u>Secondary Interest Survey</u>
 - YMCA specific surveys
 - Sample Leadership Roles

INTENTIONAL PROGRAM DESIGN

- Create time and support for youth with additional needs
 - English Learners
 - <u>Course: Supporting English Learners</u>
 - Instructional Strategies for English Learners
 - Coming in 2022: tools & self-paced modules for OST programs
 - Burmese American Community Institute
 - <u>Amigos the Richmond Latino Center</u>
 - \circ Students with disabilities
 - Article: Empowering Students Through Disability-Neutral Practices
 - Article: Inclusive Programs for Youth with Special needs
 - Skool Aid

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INTENTIONAL PROGRAM DESIGN

- Establish a strong relationship with the schools your youth attend
 - Tips on creating an effective Memorandum of Understanding
 - <u>Sample MOU</u>
- School Improvement Plans (SIPs)
 - SIPs are public documents they are organized into specific categories, including how they are addressing academics, staff, and community needs. OST programs can use these as a tool to address ways they can assist in improving outcomes
 - IDOE School Improvement Plans
- Individual Education Plans (IEPs)
 - Address any IEP questions with parents during program registration
 - <u>Common IEP Sections</u>

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Table Discussion

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Grab a partner or two and discuss:

- How is your current program model supporting the academic needs of the youth you serve?
- What is one barrier your program is experiencing that is preventing intentional program design?

ONGOING STAFF TRAINING

- Encourage staff to be deliberate about the content they are delivering, their delivery method, and the skills they are helping youth develop
- Provide training on varying delivery methods
 - Project Based Learning Magnify Learning
 - Article: What Programs Can Learn From Forest Schools
- Utilize school-day data to drive training topics
 - **IDOE: INview**
 - <u>Template: Survey Youth's Academic Needs</u>
- <u>Academic Training Toolkit</u>
- <u>Accommodation Plans Training</u>

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INTEGRATED DAILY PROGRAMMING

- <u>Makerspace Activities</u>
- <u>Poetry Activities & Resources</u>
- <u>EVERFI Financial Education</u>
- Language and Writing Workbook
- <u>STEAM & Arts Integration Lesson Plans</u>
- In Defense of Food curriculum



THANK YOU!

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