

More Time for Learning

Problem: The conventional six-hour, 180-day school year is insufficient to adequately educate many students in the nation's urban public schools. Simply adding hours and days to the schedule won't help, however, unless children occupy the extra time in programming known to boost learning. In recent years, promising programs have emerged. Known effective program models and approaches are few and have rarely been tested rigorously or on a large scale in districts. Consequently, the knowledge base is weak.

Goal: Improve education in low-performing urban public schools by adding time during the school year and summer for learning and enrichment that boosts student achievement.

