



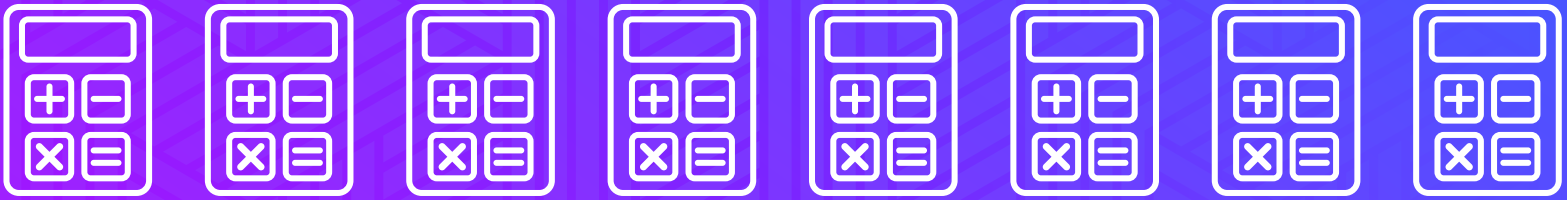
LAUNCH NEBRASKA



Zearn Math Summer Intensive Series

NEBRASKA'S FRAMEWORK for

**school
renewal &
acceleration**



To support schools with math acceleration, the Nebraska Department of Education (NDE) is excited to announce the opportunity for Nebraska public and non-public schools to access Zearn Math for summer 2021 and the 2021-2022 school year. Zearn is used by 1 in 4 students nationwide and is the only EdReports “greenlit” math instructional materials with a strong digital learning component.

In addition, to support implementation, the NDE is offering comprehensive support through virtual professional learning provided by SchoolKit. This professional learning will equip school leaders and teachers with the knowledge and skills needed to leverage Zearn in addressing unfinished teaching and learning.

Zearn is aligned to Nebraska’s College and Career Ready Standards for Mathematics and reflects Nebraska’s Instructional Shifts for Mathematics. Zearn also supports Nebraska’s Framework for School Renewal and Acceleration.



All schools will have full access to the **Zearn Math Summer Intensive Series**. The summer series leverages the **essential math content** students should master before starting grades 1-7 and can be used flexibly across summer school models, tutoring programs, or targeted interventions. Summer access includes:

- ✓ A 12-week summer intensive series, with 30-minute daily lessons, designed to catch students up on math learning and build a strong foundation for next year.
- ✓ Lessons designed to help students catch-up on grade level learning, boosted with built-in foundational math support.
- ✓ Embedded accessibility features to support English Language Learners and students with disabilities.
- ✓ 24/7 digital student math platform with daily digital lessons with fluency, concept development, and independent practice, with built-in math help.
- ✓ Unlimited access for all students, teachers, and schools.

In addition, schools will have full access to Zearn materials for the 2021-2022 school year. This provides high-quality instructional materials for mathematics (grades K-7). Zearn can be used as core materials or alongside other materials. In addition to the materials, Zearn includes:

- ✓ Embedded daily diagnostic that assesses each student’s understanding and automatically launches support.
- ✓ Instructional resources that can be used by teachers and tutors to build deep understanding of concepts and flexible problem solving skills.
- ✓ Embedded accessibility features to support English Language Learners and students with disabilities.
- ✓ Family resource center with explanations of key math terms, suggested at-home activities, and tips for supporting children with digital lesson completion.



The Zearn Math Summer Intensive Series can be used flexibly various across summer school models. SchoolKit will provide professional learning on Zearn use and help schools identify and launch the right Zearn implementation model. This could include:

- ✓ Integrating Zearn into summer school / tutoring programs.
- ✓ Implementing Zearn during the upcoming school year as a core or supplementary curriculum resource.
- ✓ Effectively using Zearn alongside other math instructional materials.
- ✓ Effectively communicating guidance and tools to families and educators for independent use.

The professional learning series will equip school leaders and teachers with the knowledge and skills needed to maximize Zearn usage through targeted support for district/system leaders, school leaders, ESU leaders, and teachers. The professional learning sessions will occur between March – August 2021.

To learn more about the Zearn, the Zearn Math Summer Intensive Series, and how your schools can access the materials, join us for an information webinar (repeated twice):

SIGN UP: Thursday, February 18th from 3:30-4:30pm CT

SIGN UP: Monday, February 22nd from 3:30-4:30pm CT

After February 22nd, school districts/school systems will indicate their interest in receiving access to Zearn. Final commitments must be in place by March 1, 2021. For more information, contact Dr. Cory Epler, NDE Academic Officer (cory.epler@nebraska.gov).