



Summer slide? No, summer soar!

Students learn and grow during the summer months.



Summer slide... it's not a playground activity.

And it's not fun. It's the loss of academic skills many kids experience over the summer.

Students from low-income families often lose two months of reading and math skills. By 5th grade, some children are 2 ½ years behind their higher-income peers... because of summer slide.

CSC is changing this equation. With the support of funders, donors, partners and events such as GiveBIG (see sidebar, p. 2), more than 200 CSC children and youth have taken part in learning opportunities this summer.

Please read on to learn more about CSC's Summer Programs. Thanks to you, instead of experiencing summer slide, our youth have had the chance to **soar!**

Summer is a time to make learning FUN!

Students prep for the school year in CSC's summer programs.

More than 200 CSC students are participating in educational programs this summer! They're improving in academics, making friends, and having new experiences.

CSC and partner organizations give youth a chance to have fun *and* a jumpstart on the new school year. We reach kids from whom this jumpstart is crucial: newly arrived refugees, and youth entering middle school.

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Fall back-to-school clinics

Students can receive free physicals, immunizations and more.

On Saturday, August 20th and Saturday, August 27th from 1:00-5:00 PM, CSC is sponsoring back-to-school health clinics at Showalter Middle School in Tukwila.

[Learn more on p. 2](#)

About CSC

Community Schools Collaboration (CSC) exists to provide children and youth with opportunities to succeed in school, to develop high aspirations, and to create a better world. Our vision is that all children and youth reach their full potential and realize their dreams.

CSC works with 20 community schools in the Tukwila and Highline School Districts of South King County, WA. We offer academic support, enrichment, health services and family engagement programs to students in grades K-12.

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The following services are FREE for all students at these clinics:

- On August 20th, all students can receive physicals. Physicals are required for athletes and entering kindergarteners and 6th graders.
- On August 27th, all students can receive physicals, immunizations, and other health information and services, along with free backpacks and bike helmets.
- **Appointments required!** Please call (206) 473-8017 to schedule.

These clinics were made possible in part by a grant from the Group Health Foundation. Our thanks to them, and to the City of Tukwila, Tukwila School District, Swedish, SKC Public Health, MultiCare, the Tukwila Children's Foundation, Cascade Bicycle Club and others for supporting this event!

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Refugee Summer Success

"Today was a very good day for me."

-- A 17-year-old student from Iran who dreams of becoming an engineer, after a field trip to the Museum of Flight.

CSC and the International Rescue Committee (IRC) offered Refugee Summer Success at Tukwila's Foster High School in July. This program prepares newly arrived youth for school in the U.S. This year, 25 young people from Bhutan, Burma, Iran, Nepal, and Somalia participated. Torn from their homes by war, famine or persecution, some had never been to school before.

The IRC taught students school readiness and English in the mornings. In the afternoons, CSC staff and volunteers helped students work on English, literacy and math while enjoying arts and crafts, games, recreation, and field trips.

CSC also provided lessons on nutrition, street safety, and hygiene. Several partners assisted: Smile Partners provided youth with dental services. Borders gave each student 15 new books of their choice. And each child obtained a bag of clothes from the Kids Without Borders' clothing bank.



Summer Bridge Programs

"I really loved meeting new friends! I liked having different classes!"

-- A rising 7th grader in the Summer Bridge program at Cascade Middle School

CSC and the Highline Schools offered Summer Bridge programs in July to entering seventh graders at Cascade and Chinook Middle Schools. Highline teachers prepared 200 students for middle school success with academic enrichment. CSC added lessons on study skills, friendships, bullying, goal-setting, and college and career exploration. The students made new friends during team-building games, discussions, field trips and other fun activities.

Many thanks to the teachers, students, volunteers, and partners who helped make our summer programs a success!

GiveBIG recap

CSC GiveBIG is a BIG success!

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Many thanks to The Seattle Foundation for sponsoring the GiveBIG event! CSC was proud to participate in "the biggest single day of charitable giving in King County history."

On June 23rd, nonprofits received more than 18,800 donations totaling more than \$3.5 million during The Seattle Foundation's GiveBIG challenge.

Thanks to contributions from CSC community supporters, friends, family, employees and board members, CSC raised nearly \$5,000!

To learn more or donate to CSC, please contact Amy Allison, Grants Manager, at AmyA@cscwa.org.