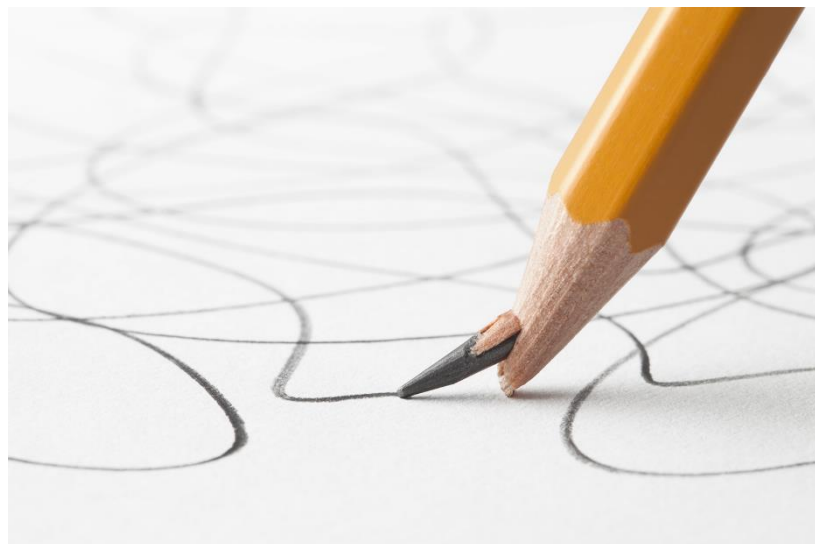


What Are the Main Factors That Cause Learning Loss in Schools?

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Lack of high-quality education and resources is one of the key causes of learning loss in schools. This includes inadequate school finance, obsolete or insufficient curricula, restricted access to technology and other educational resources, and a dearth of trained and competent instructors.

Unmotivated pupils might also cause learning loss. A mismatch between students' interests and the curriculum, inefficient teaching techniques, and a lack of support and supervision from instructors and school officials can create this.



Poverty, family instability, chronic disease, and racism and prejudice can all cause learning loss in schools. Promoting fair and effective education for all learners requires addressing these underlying concerns.

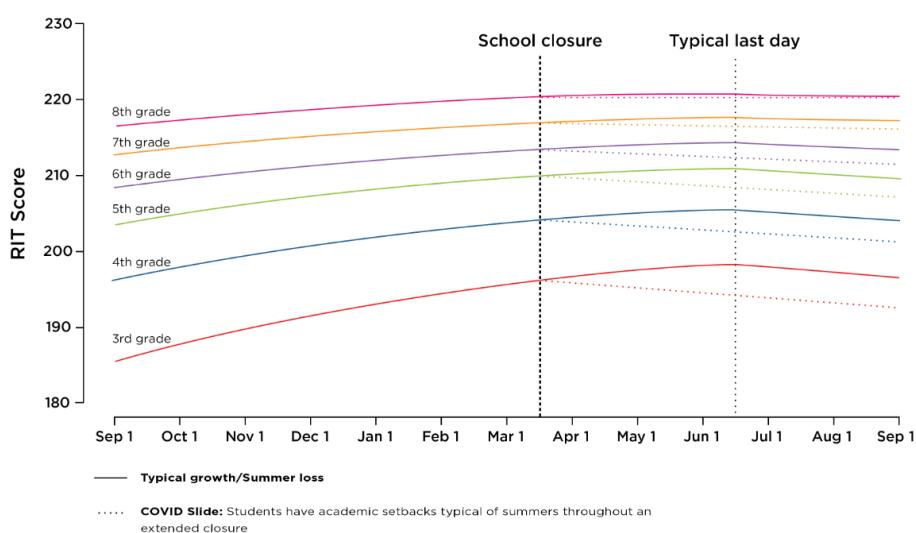
Here are some additional factors that can contribute to learning loss in schools:

1. **Disruptions to education due to the COVID-19 pandemic:** The pandemic has forced schools to close or adopt remote learning, which has disrupted the learning process for many students. Some students may not have had access to the technology or internet connection necessary for remote learning, while others may have experienced increased stress

and anxiety due to the pandemic.

COVID-19 Learning Loss: Reading forecast

Forecasted trajectories for grades 3-8, reading RIT scores based on COVID-19 induced school closures.



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2. **Limited access to early childhood education:** Children who do not have access to high-quality early childhood education are more likely to fall behind their peers and experience learning loss in later grades.
3. **Lack of individualized support:** Students who are struggling with academic or behavioral issues may not receive the individualized support they need in order to succeed. This can be due to limited resources or a lack of training for teachers and staff.
4. **Inadequate nutrition and health care:** Students who do not have access to adequate nutrition or health care may experience health issues that can impact their ability to learn.
5. **Lack of parental involvement:** Parents and caregivers play a critical role in supporting their children's learning, but not all families are able to be involved in their children's education for a variety of reasons.
6. **High teacher turnover:** Schools that experience high rates of teacher turnover can struggle to provide consistent, high-quality instruction to their students. Teacher turnover can be caused by a variety of factors, including low salaries, inadequate resources, and a lack of support from school leaders.

¹ <https://www.brookings.edu/blog/brown-center-chalkboard/2020/05/27/the-impact-of-covid-19-on-student-achievement-and-what-it-may-mean-for-educators/>

7. **Inadequate assessment and feedback:** Without regular assessments and feedback, students may not know how well they are progressing in their studies and what areas they need to focus on. Additionally, teachers may not have a clear understanding of their students' strengths and weaknesses, which can make it difficult to tailor instruction to meet individual needs.
8. **Insufficient support for students with disabilities:** Students with disabilities may require additional support and accommodations in order to succeed in school. However, not all schools are able to provide the necessary resources and support for these students, which can lead to learning loss and poor academic outcomes.
9. **Overemphasis on standardized testing:** Some schools may place too much emphasis on standardized testing, which can lead to a narrow focus on test preparation and neglect other important aspects of learning, such as creativity and critical thinking skills.
10. **Inequitable distribution of resources:** Schools located in low-income areas may have fewer resources and less experienced teachers than schools located in more affluent areas. This can contribute to a widening achievement gap between students from different socioeconomic backgrounds.

Addressing these underlying factors and providing comprehensive support and resources to students and teachers can help to reduce learning loss in schools and promote academic success for all students.