# Learning Methods At-A-Glance

High quality summer learning programs tend to focus on incorporating student-centered learning methods.  Here are just a few of the most common student-centered learning methods and the key components that characterized them.  As you think through which learning methods might be a good fit for your program and activities, remember to also think about what training your staff will need in order to successfully integrate that particular learning method.  Start building your plan now!

| Learning Method | Key Components | Staff Training Needed | Notes |
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| **Project-Based Learning** | • Key Knowledge<br>• Challenging Question<br>• Sustained Inquiry<br>• Authenticity<br>• Student Voice and Choice<br>• Reflection<br>• Critique and Revision<br>• Public Product | | |
| **Problem-Based Learning** | • Open-ended problem<br>• Problem definition<br>• Knowledge inventory<br>• Possible solutions<br>• Solve the problem<br>• Sharing of findings/solutions | | |
| **Service Learning** | • Investigation<br>• Preparation<br>• Action<br>• Reflection<br>• Demonstration<br>• Evaluation | | |
| **Place-Based Learning** | • Connection and Relevance<br>• Partnerships and Permeability<br>• Inquiry and Design<br>• Interdisciplinary | | |
| **Blended Learning** | • Face to face learning<br>• Online learning<br>• Appropriate use of digital technology<br>• Personalized learning opportunities | | |

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| **Themed Learning** | • One main theme<br>• All content and activities relate to main theme<br>• Connects learning across subject areas<br>• Motivating and relevant | | |
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