



Brand Standards

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Introduction

Why this guide?

Use of this guide ensures a consistent, professional appearance of the National Summer Learning Association (NSLA) and Summer Learning Day brands.

When to use

Any branded communications from, or using the NSLA or Summer Learning Day brand, should follow these guidelines.

Questions

Direct all questions to Laura Johnson, VP of Communications at 410-856-1370 x208 or ljohnson@summerlearning.org.

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Brand Components: Logo

Primary Logo

Our logo is the most visible element of our brand identity.

What?

This logo is comprised of two parts: wordmark and icon. These two elements should always stay in this arrangement. Examples of do's and don'ts for the logo are described on page 8.

When?

This is the default logo for NSLA. Variations of the logo are described on page 5; alternative options (such as grayscale and reversed) are described on page 7.

Font

This font uses Helvetica Neue.



Minimum space: Leave space on all sides equal to at least the size of two lowercase "n"s.



**national summer
learning association**

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Example of spacing around logo with text.



Minimum Size

To preserve the legibility of the logo, the width of the logo should not be smaller than 0.75".



Brand Components: Logo

Logo Variations

Mark Only

When the NSLA name is not needed within the logo, this version should be used. The full name “National Summer Learning Association” must be included within the design, printed or digital.



Tagline

When NSLA needs to show the tagline with the logo, this version should be used. The full name “National Summer Learning Association” must be included within the design, printed or digital. The tagline should always appear to the right of the mark.



Website Only

Due to the size constraints of website navigation, **this version is specifically for use in the navigation of the NSLA website.** As it is very similar to the look of the tagline variation of the logo, this variation should never be used outside the website.



Minimum Sizes

Mark Only width: 0.375"

Tagline width: 1.25"



Brand Components: Logo

Recommendations for Use: Tagline and Mark Only Logos

The standard NSLA logo should be used whenever possible. Below are encouraged uses for the tagline and mark only logos.

Tagline

Pieces with minimal text

The tagline logo may be used to help promote the NSLA brand and mission. Uses include:

- Billboards
- Posters
- Small ads

Pieces with minimal NSLA messaging

If a piece lacks a significant amount of messaging, use of the tagline logo is a good way to succinctly display the NSLA mission.

Mark Only

Pieces with limited space

- Small printed ads
- Website banner ads
- Small promotional items

As an icon

- Social media avatars
- Apps

Embroidery

The text of the standard logo may not be legible when embroidered on clothing, so the mark can be used by itself in this case (the full name “National Summer Learning Association” must be included on the piece). If the logo is screen printed, however, the standard logo should be used.

Brand Components: Logo

Alternative Logos

Grayscale / Black

When color production is not an option, the grayscale or black versions can be used.



Blue: 85% Black
Green: 55% Black
Orange: 40% Black

1 Color

1 color versions should be used only when printing in 1-2 spot colors. They should always be used on a white background.



Reversed

While the logo should appear on a white background whenever possible, it may be reversed as shown.

The white reversed logo should be used on a high contrast background. The 2 color reversed logo should be used only on dark backgrounds that approximate 90% black, and complement the colors of the logo.



White reversed logo



2 color reversed logo on 100% black



2 color reversed logo on 90% black - minimum lightness



Good choice: dark color approximates at least 90% black, complements logo colors



Background is too bright, clashes with colors of logo



Background blends in with blue of logo, does not complement orange



Brand Components: Do and Don't

Do

Keep elements together.



Scale proportionally.



Keep horizontal.



Use solid colors without effects.



Don't

Rearrange or change colors; Rearrange elements



Stretch anything unevenly.



Rotate.



Place on an Image.



Use gradients, drop shadows, opacities, or outline.



Brand Components: Colors

Primary

Must be used whenever the NSLA brand is featured in color.

PMS 7488 C
C52 M0 Y82 K0
R142 G221 B101
#8edd65

PMS 1375 C
C0 M45 Y94 K0
R255 G158 B27
#ff9e1b

PMS 638 C
C86 M0 Y9 K0
R0 G175 B215
#00afd7

Secondary

Use these colors to enhance creative elements, such as illustrations, infographics, and to highlight elements within layouts.

PMS 143 C
C0 M32 Y87 K0
R241 G180 B52
#F1b434

PMS 1665 C
C0 M73 Y98 K0
R252 G76 B2
#fc4c02

PMS 485 C
C0 M95 Y100 K0
R218 G41 B26
#da291c

PMS 3005 C
C100 M31 Y0 K0
R0 G119 B200
#0077c8

PMS 361 C
C77 M0 Y100 K0
R67 G176 B42
#43b02a

Supporting Shades

Specific shades of gray to be used within elements as needed. These are also the shades of gray used in the grayscale version of the logo.

C0 M0 Y0 K85
R77 G77 B79
#4c4c4e

C0 M0 Y0 K55
R138 G140 B142
#898b8e

C0 M0 Y0 K35
R177 G179 B182
#b1b3b6

Brand Components: Typography

Primary Typeface

Calibri is the primary brand typeface. Using this typeface increases brand consistency due to its compatibility for both Windows and Mac operating systems. Use this typeface whenever possible.

Calibri

Regular (main font)

The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog
1234567890

Bold (emphasis)

**The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog
1234567890**

Secondary Typeface

Helvetica in bold should be used for headings whenever possible. **This modern, heavier typeface provides a nice contrast with Calibri, a warmer, softer typeface.**

The regular, bold, or condensed bold fonts can also be used as the main font for specific uses, such as:

- Pieces with very limited copy and/or space, i.e. billboards
- Website copy, as Calibri is not available as a web font

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Alternative Typeface

Only when Calibri is not available, this typeface may be substituted.

Primary Alternative

Myriad Pro

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Bold (emphasis)

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Secondary Alternative

Arial

Bold

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Summer Learning Day

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When?

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Font

This logo uses Cabin.



Minimum space: Leave space on all sides equal to at least the size of two lowercase "n"s.



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Example of spacing around logo with text.



Minimum Size

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Brand Components: Logo

Logo Variation: With Date

When the date for Summer Learning Day has not been decided, use the standard logo. When the date is concrete, this version should always be used. Never attach the date to the standard logo. The date should always remain at the bottom of the logo.



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Navy



Bright Blue



Yellow

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PMS 654 C
C100 M71 Y10 K47
R0 G58 B112
#003a70

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C86 M0 Y9 K0
R0 G175 B215
#00afd7

PMS 7406 C
C0 M20 Y100 K0
R241 G196 B0
#f1c400

Secondary

Use these colors to enhance creative elements, such as illustrations, infographics, and to highlight elements within layouts.

PMS 7462 C
C100 M48 Y6 K30
R0 G85 B140
#00558c

PMS 130 C
C0 M32 Y100 K0
R242 G169 B0
#f2a900

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Using Logos Together

Placement

Use the combined minimum clear spaces of the logos for both stacked and side-by-side placements.

Stacked Placement

The NSLA logo must always be at the top. Logos should be vertically centered.

Side-by-Side Placement

The NSLA logo must always be to the left. Logos should be aligned at the bottom.



Stacked placement showing combined minimum clear spaces of logos and centered alignment.



Side-by-side placement showing alignment of bottom of logos.

Colors

If one logo is in full color, the other must also be in full color. This also applies to grayscale, black, and reversed logos.



Reversed Logo Versions

If reversed versions of both logos are needed, the white reversed version must be used for both.



One Color Logos

One color logos should not be used together, except for cases where both logos will be printed in 1-2 spot colors.

- 1 color printing: Use bright blue versions for each logo if possible. Otherwise, use black.
- 2 color printing: Use the bright blue NSLA logo; use the navy Summer Learning Day logo.



Using Logos Together CONTINUED

Using Only the Summer Learning Day Logo

If only using the Summer Learning Day logo, the full name “National Summer Learning Association” should be included within the design, printed or digital.

NSLA Logo Version

The standard NSLA logo should be used whenever possible.

File Types and Color Spaces

Logo File Types: JPG, PNG, EPS, PDF

Knowing when to use each file type will prevent logos from looking pixelated or fuzzy.

JPG

JPG file types can be used on printed collateral where the logo will appear at normal size. You can also use JPGs for PowerPoint presentations and Word documents. Do not scale up JPG logos for larger-scale printed pieces — they will look pixelated.

PNG

PNG files are strictly for on-screen uses of the reversed logo versions. Please refer to page 5 for usage guidelines on reversed logos.

EPS and PDF

These file types are best for logos that need to appear high resolution at any size. They can be used on any printed collateral, and are ideal for larger scale items such as billboards, posters and vehicle wraps.

Color Spaces: CMYK, RGB, PMS

How you are using the logo will dictate what color space you should use. For example, using a logo on a PowerPoint presentation requires a different color space than the logo you would use on professionally printed business cards.

CMYK

Use for printed collateral. If the piece will also be seen on-screen, but it's primary purpose is to be viewed on paper, the CMYK version should still be used.

RGB

Use for collateral or presentations that will primarily be viewed on screen.

PMS

Use when you are professionally printing with spot colors.