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LOS ANGELES

READING PARTNERS OVERVIEW

Since 2008, Reading Partners has successfully provided volunteer-led, one-on-one literacy tutoring to K-5 students at low-income elementary schools in the Los Angeles area. On average, nearly 90% of students in our program improve their reading skills.

At each of our partner school sites, Reading Partners:

- Transforms a dedicated space into a reading center with a library and teaching tools managed by a full-time Reading Partners team member.
- Recruits a corps of 40-100 community volunteers to provide individualized, one-on-one tutoring with our students for 45 minutes twice a week.
- Trains our volunteers to follow a structured, research-based curriculum that enables students to work at their own pace and at their own independent reading level.
- Coordinates with teachers and school leaders to identify the students who will be enrolled in the Reading Partners program.

NEED FOR THE PROGRAM

- In California, only one in four fourth graders can read proficiently.
- Students who are not reading proficiently by the end of third grade are four times more likely to drop out of high school.
- Every student who does not complete high school costs our society an estimated \$260,000 in lost earnings, taxes, and productivity.

LOS ANGELES BY THE NUMBERS

Reading Centers: 10

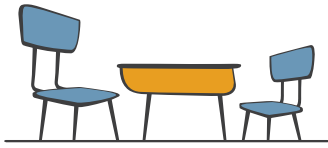
Students we will serve: 500

Community volunteers we will recruit and train: 600

“The most amazing part of having Reading Partners on campus was the inspiration they gave to our non-readers. Student Eduardo Pasqual was a non-reader when he began the program. He now has the ability to read first grade books. He was also motivated to be the top reader in Reading Partners.”

Desiree Manuel, Principal, Dolores Huerta Elementary, Los Angeles Unified School District





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“A great benefit is that students have a mentor and role model who not only helps them with reading, but with their confidence and self-esteem as well.”

Ms. Hunter, Teacher, FDR-Carson Elementary, Los Angeles



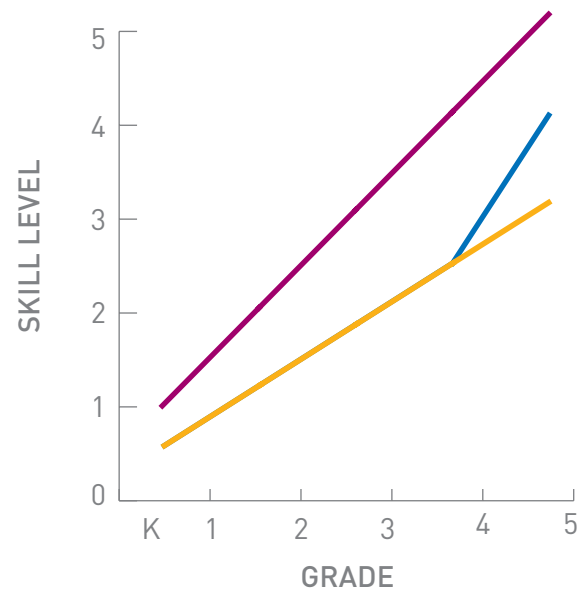
READING PARTNERS LOS ANGELES TRACK RECORD OF SUCCESS

Reading Partners is focused on data and results. We are dedicated to ensuring that every investment made in the success of our students leads to a measurable increase in reading skills. In Los Angeles during the 2011-12 school year:

- 88% of Reading Partners students accelerated their rate of learning.
- 72% of Reading Partners students narrowed their achievement gap.

RATES OF LEARNING

Before enrollment last year, Reading Partners students gained an average of only 0.6 months of reading skills for every month in the classroom. By the end of a year with Reading Partners, our students gained an average of 1.6 months of reading skills per month, more than doubling their rate of learning and catching up to their on-grade peers.



- Rate of learning needed for **proficiency** (1 month of reading skills per month of reading instruction)
- Average student's rate of learning **before Reading Partners** (0.6 months of reading skills per month of reading instruction)
- Average student's rate of learning **during Reading Partners** (1.6 months of reading skills per month of reading instruction)