NATIONAL IMPACT REPORT
2018–19

Student performance

Reading Partners students are performing well overall and our youngest students continue to show impressive progress in the critical early years.

All Reading Partners students

85% meeting or exceeding their primary end-of-year literacy growth goal.

K-2 Reading Partners students

90% developing mastery of key foundational reading skills* needed to read at grade level.

*We track growth in the key foundational literacy skills students need to become independent readers, such as alphabetic principle, phonics, and vocabulary.

By the numbers

11,038 students served
79% economically disadvantaged students*
31% English language learners*
214 partner schools

13,349 community tutors
365,117 tutoring sessions
33 average sessions per student

*ELL percentage calculated using 2018-19 student-level data; economically disadvantaged percentage calculated using most recent publicly available school-level data reflecting students’ economic status.

Program highlights

88% OF PRINCIPALS report improved school-wide reading progress.*

100% OF TEACHERS report Reading Partners is valuable to their school.*

95% OF VOLUNTEERS are satisfied with their volunteer experience.*

*Among respondents of 2018-19 surveys

An evidence-based program that works

Gold-standard research found Reading Partners’ program had a positive and statistically significant impact on student reading proficiency, leading to acceptance into the Institute of Education Sciences What Works Clearinghouse.

A respected national education research firm found that students served by Reading Partners (and particularly English Language Learners) showed significantly greater improvement in their literacy skills than comparison students not served by the program.

A leading national nonprofit research organization found that students who participated in Reading Partners’ one-on-one tutoring program not only showed gains in their reading skills, but also made improvements in their social-emotional learning skills.

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