



**READING**  
**PARTNERS**

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**Reading Partners helps children become lifelong readers by empowering communities to provide individualized instruction with measurable results.**

## Literacy in California

- Only **31% of students** are reading at **grade level** by the end of third grade
- Students who are not reading proficiently in fourth grade are **4x more likely to drop out of high school**
- **Median income** for without a high school diploma in Oakland and San Francisco is **less than \$25,000 per year**

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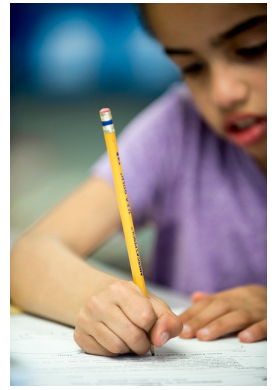
## Advancing Educational Equity

We believe that **every student deserves an equal chance at success**, regardless of circumstance.

Through our work, we **actively examine and seek to dismantle systems of social and racial injustice.**



Executive Director of Reading Partners Bay Area, Aarika Riddle



## By the numbers. . .



**1,416**  
students served



**79%**  
economically disadvantaged students\*



**49%**  
English language learners



**32**  
partner schools



**1,444**  
community tutors



**37,938**  
tutoring sessions



**27**  
average sessions per student

\*ELL percentage calculated using 2018-19 student-level data; economically disadvantaged percentage calculated using 2017-18 school-level FRL data.

## Organization History

In 1999, a group of community leaders joined together to provide literacy tutoring to students who were behind in reading. Since then, Reading Partners has grown from serving students in one school, to engaging thousands of volunteers in 14 regions across the country to provide one-on-one support to 11,000 students each year.

## Featured Media

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### CNN: Impact Your World

Struggling students are learning to read thanks to volunteer tutors from their community.

### San Francisco Chronicle

Striving to fund Oakland reading centers

### New York Times

Forget Trinkets. These gifts change lives.

## 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

**79%**

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

K-2 Reading Partners  
Students

**85%**

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