



WASHINGTON READING CORPS FACT SHEET 2021

Washington Reading Corps – Elementary and Pre-Kindergarten Literacy Tutors

Public and non-profit elementary schools and early learning centers in Washington State have benefitted from our Washington Reading Corps (WRC) program for over 20 years to address literacy needs for students in early learning and kindergarten through 4th grade. WRC was developed and is managed in partnership with the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) to provide a low-cost complementary resource to help improve literacy.

Washington Reading Corps members serve full time in assigned schools, supporting strategic literacy goals for early learning and kindergarten through 4th grade students testing below grade level. Members are utilized as tutors and extracurricular support, to shrink small intervention groups and promote family involvement into literacy goals of students. In addition, in cooperation with OSPI, WRC developed a scripted 1:1 tutoring resource (Reading Power) and the program trains the WRC AmeriCorps members to use this comprehensive set of tools designed to supplement any school curriculum with research-based supports. Reading Power was designed to better track literacy achievement and we look forward to sharing these results

Some benefits of WRC AmeriCorps:

- WRC AmeriCorps members can be accessed in every county of the state.
- WRC actively seeks to recruit black, indigenous and people of color from our local communities to serve.
- WRC members have demonstrated their value to literacy development of students as reported by schools.
- WRC AmeriCorps members are dedicated to improving literacy for early learning and K-4th grade children full time and can support schools in many ways.
- WRC serves as a workforce development tool that enables individuals to gain valuable experience in the education field.
- WRC supports AmeriCorps members with a living allowance, health insurance, education awards to pay for college expenses and other benefits.

WRC Funding

The Washington Reading Corps is an excellent example of a triple match program. Federal funds are leveraged with state funding through an OSPI proviso and local school funding. All three legs of this funding are required to maintain the program. The below structure represents a typical year where the program is fully utilized at 125 members state-wide.

Federal Funds: \$1,778,750.00

OSPI Funds: \$780,000.00

Local Funds: \$625,000.00

Contact

The Washington Reading Corps is administered by the Washington Service Corps which is hosted by the Employment Security Department and funded through the ServeWashington AmeriCorps Commission housed at the Office of Financial Management.

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