



Reading Assist



What We Do

- Reading Assist provides **year-round high-dosage tutoring** services to children with the most significant reading challenges, prioritizing support to low-income students, students of color, and multilingual learners.
- We recruit and train **AmeriCorps members**, known as **Reading Assist Fellows**, to work 1:1 and in small groups 3-5 times per week with struggling readers.
- We provide additional support to students through our **summer and after-school programs**.
- We offer training and certification to teachers, reading specialists, and other educators who wish to increase their understanding and knowledge of the **science of reading**.

Reading Matters

82%

of children from low-income households lack reading proficiency by 3rd grade

74%

of struggling readers won't catch up after 3rd grade

4X

greater likelihood of dropping out of high school (poor readers nationwide)

85%

of juveniles in the court system are functionally illiterate

Our Results

1,700 students served

UP TO 17 months of learning gained during the 9½-month school year.

89% of students reached benchmarks in foundational reading skills.

UP TO 7x faster learning

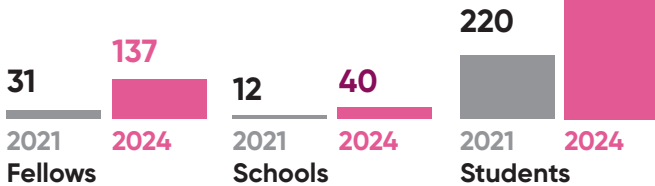
2023-24 Mid-Year Results

91% of our 1000+ school-year program students have improved their benchmark scores.



Our Ambition

We're serving more schools and students than ever before with year-round tutoring support.



We will grow to serve

10,000 students

with **90%** reaching

benchmarks in foundational

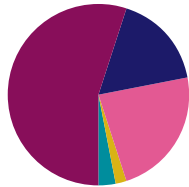
skills within **1** year.



Who We Serve

We serve children across Delaware and in Chester, PA, in kindergarten through third grade in the lowest 25% for reading proficiency, with priority given to low-income students, students of color, and multilingual learners.

STUDENT DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION:



55% Black
23% White
17% Hispanic/Latino
3% Other
2% Multiracial

17%

Multilingual Learners

18%

Students with a Special Education Classification

Our Fellows

Each year, Reading Assist recruits and trains a new cohort of AmeriCorps members to serve as school year tutors. Reading Assist Fellows, as they are known, come from a broad range of backgrounds and experiences. For the 2023-24 school year, we have 137 fellows.

• **50%** identify as people of color

• Fellows range in age from **18-76**

• **83%** have some college level education

• **83%** are interested in a career in education

Questions?

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