

Partnership for Student Success Volunteer Program

Seymour Community
School District



Purpose of this powerpoint

- Give more information about the “Partnership for Reading Success” program
- Give next steps on how to apply to be a volunteer

Overall Purpose of Partnership

- **Connect K-12 students with a community volunteer**
 - **Improvement in their reading, writing or math**
 - **Making a positive connection with an adult**



Why is reading so important?

Good reader = Success

Research shows:

- Reading more, makes you smarter & improves your vocabulary.
- The more minutes a student reads per day, the higher a student performs on a standardized test. The amount a person reads & their reading level are connected to a person's education level & income.
- To become a better reader, a person needs to read more.
- Reading is a life-long skill.

Specifics of the Volunteer Program

- **WHO?**
 - **Volunteers-** any interested community member
 - **Students-** teachers will request a volunteer giving specifics regarding students needs & interests
 - **We will try to match volunteers & students based on their interests.**

WHAT will a volunteer do?



- The classroom teacher who requests the volunteer will provide the materials for the volunteer. We plan on connecting a school staff member with the volunteer during a training for more information.
- Examples, reading a book together, practicing spelling or vocabulary words, reading through a student's writing and helping them edit it, playing a reading game with student, etc.

WHERE will I volunteer?



- The volunteer will report to the building of the student.
- The volunteer will work with the student in the classroom or a room nearby.
- Volunteers can specify which building(s) they would prefer.

WHEN will I volunteer?



- This is very flexible! Volunteers can specify the time(s) & day(s) they are available to volunteer.
- Teachers will request a specific time for their student & we will match available volunteers to those time requests.
- This is an important partnership, so please make sure you can commit to the time you specify. No substitutes will be available for coverage on days you will be unable to volunteer. In an unforeseeable event, we will ask you to call the building secretary so they know to not wait for you.

Process to become a Partner in Student Success

- Complete volunteer application & return to School Office of your choice (mail or drop off).
- Background checks are required for volunteers in the district.

You can make a difference!

- Please consider becoming a volunteer in the Partnership for Reading Success program.
- Help spread the word to other community members that may be interested in volunteering.

