

WHAT IS MINNESOTA READING CORPS?

VISION

The vision of Minnesota Reading Corps is that every Minnesota child reads by the end of third grade.

AMERICORPS OVERVIEW

Minnesota Reading Corps is an AmeriCorps program. AmeriCorps is often called the “domestic Peace Corps.” It is a national service program that engages people in a year-long commitment to service in meeting needs in their local communities. Approximately 75,000 AmeriCorps members serve throughout the United States each year.

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Minnesota Reading Corps is a statewide initiative to help every Minnesota child become a successful reader by the end of 3rd grade. The program places AmeriCorps members in sites to implement a researched-based early-literacy effort to help struggling readers. The Minnesota Reading Corps strategies are designed for both preschool-aged students and K–3rd grade students.

PreK members work with preschool-aged children in their classrooms to create literacy-rich environments. Fall, winter and spring benchmark data is collected for each child in order to tailor literacy interventions for individual children, children in small groups, and for whole classrooms.

K-3 members serve as one-on-one tutors and provide research-based interventions to students who are just below proficiency in reading (Tier II children). The members tutor each student between 60-90 minutes each week to build fluency skills. A Response to Intervention (RtI) model is followed.

PARTNERS

ServeMinnesota	Statewide organization that oversees all AmeriCorps program in Minnesota.
Minnesota Literacy Council	Through a contract with ServeMinnesota, serves as fiscal host for all MRC members and provides statewide management of the Minnesota Reading Corps program
Center for Learning Solutions	Through a contract with ServeMinnesota, provides statewide leadership for the pre-kindergarten and K-3 literacy programs, member and coach training
Saint Croix River Education District (SCRED)	Conducts the program data analysis and is the link with the Minnesota Response to Intervention (RtI) Center