

READOKC

ReadOKC Reading Buddies & Book Clubs Volunteer Job Description

Time Commitment: 1 hour per week including travel (September to March) of OKCPS School Year

Basic volunteer duties involved with this assignment:

1. Reading Buddies and Book Club Leaders will visit their assigned school once a week and spend 30-45 minutes reading a book selected by either the volunteer, students, or school librarian with students. Volunteers will meet with the same group of 1-4 students each week from September to March (unless otherwise agreed upon by school and volunteer).
2. Reading Buddies and Book Clubs meet during the school day at a time determined by the school coordinator, ensuring students do not miss core reading instruction.
3. Reading Buddies and Book Club Leaders will spend consistent time with students to increase self-esteem, foster self-motivation, and promote responsibility while assisting in improving students' attitudes toward reading.
4. Reading Buddies and Book Clubs is a school-year long mentorship program. Volunteers are expected to be a dependable role model for their students, building strong relationships on a foundation of trust and friendship.

What specific skills will the volunteer need?

- Volunteers need to be consistent, punctual, warm and friendly, encouraging, a listening ear, as well as maintain a sense of humor, constantly seeking out “teachable” moments.
- Volunteers do NOT need to have an education background or degree. If you can read at a 6th-grade level, you can help a child read! Volunteers are there as facilitators—to support students as they practice their reading.
- Volunteers must complete a training session, fill out the OKCPS District's Volunteer Application, and pass the background check to be eligible.

What is the anticipated benefit of this volunteer service to those receiving the service?

Volunteers are a positive influence in the lives of OKCPS students. Spending consistent time with their assigned student(s) increases self-esteem, fosters self-motivation, and promotes responsibility, helping to assist in improving students' attitudes toward reading with the ultimate goal of helping students increase their reading proficiency.

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