

# About Learning Leaders

## NEW YORK CITY'S SCHOOL VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

**Learning Leaders** helps New York City public school students succeed by training volunteers to provide individualized tutoring and other school-based support, and by equipping parents to foster their children's educational development.



Learning Leaders was founded in 1956 as the NYC School Volunteer Program by twenty dedicated volunteers who helped teachers at P.S. 191 in Manhattan. Last year, Learning Leaders recruited, screened, trained and supported over **10,000 school volunteers** who devoted on average **3.8 hours** each week working with one-fifth of New York City public school students in **over 800 schools** city-wide. In April 2009 Learning Leaders was named the Mayor's lead partner in the **NYC Service - Serve Our Schools** initiative.

Learning Leaders' borough teams and multilingual field staff help create family, community and school partnerships in New York City's diverse neighborhoods.

Volunteers tutor in reading, writing, ESL, math, visual literacy, and literature. They help students prepare for Regents and other exams, assist with college and financial aid planning, and implement enrichment programs. They help English Language Learners acclimate more quickly and provide one-on-one support for students performing below grade level.

Learning Leaders introduces parent and community volunteers into the schools, enhancing **student achievement, attendance and social skills as well as school environment**. Learning Leaders' **family workshops and publications** help parents develop important skills and better understand and navigate the school system. Parents gain comfort with their child's school and are often inspired to pursue their own educational and career aspirations.

Learning Leaders is an independent not-for-profit organization and raises 85% of its \$3.6 million budget from private sources. Support is also provided by the New York City Department of Education and the New York City Council.



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