

Programs

Learning Leaders works with over 10,000 volunteers in more than 800 schools serving 240,000 students.

Core Program

Parents and community members commit to a minimum of two hours' volunteer service each week in an elementary, middle or high school working with students from kindergarten through 12th grade. Elementary school volunteers help children with reading, writing, ESL, math, and other academic subjects. At the middle school level, volunteers assist students with reading and writing, study skills and organization and often serve as project coaches. High school and college planning volunteers tutor students in advanced subjects, help them prepare for the Regents and SAT exams, and provide guidance with college decision making and applications for admission and financial aid. Volunteers also provide non-instructional aid, such as general office, classroom and library assistance.

Family Literacy/Numeracy Workshops

Interactive workshops and specially designed materials in English, Spanish and Chinese help family members develop and support children's literacy and numeracy skills through a wide variety of learning activities that parents and children can do together.

Enrichment Programs

Learning Leaders provides these distinctive programs that are offered free of charge to schools.

ArtWorks

Volunteers teach visual literacy to elementary school students by leading four class sessions and a museum visit using a curriculum developed by arts educators. Volunteers use selected works from the collections of the Brooklyn Museum and the Metropolitan Museum of Art to teach children to view, appreciate and discuss painting, sculpture, architecture and the decorative arts.

Authors Read Aloud

Published children's authors and illustrators introduce elementary school students to the creative writing process and inspire a love of books and reading. Volunteers commit to leading a minimum of four in-depth, interactive class sessions in a public school, reading from their own published books or works-in-progress.

Book Talk

Volunteers facilitate weekly book clubs of elementary or middle school students about shared reading, including contemporary, multi-cultural stories as well as classic children's literature. Students learn how to read critically, think independently and express themselves clearly through speaking and writing. Parent volunteers develop teaching skills they can use with their own children and apply to future employment.

Book Buddies

Volunteers and their elementary or middle school pen pals read the same books and exchange letters about them. Students build their vocabulary, writing skills and social competence by discussing subject matter and reading in general with a concerned adult. Volunteers host a "meet and greet" at their offices at the beginning and end of the school year.