

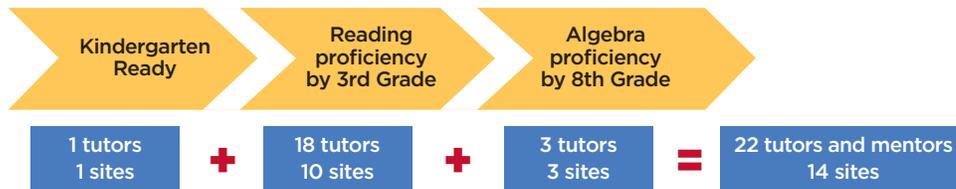


AmeriCorps:

Getting things done in
Region Five
Minnesota



Closing Educational Disparity Gaps from Cradle to Career



Service to others is a hallmark of the Minnesota character and central to how we meet our state's challenges.

- Community and elected leaders are increasingly turning to national service as a cost-effective solution to the wide range of challenges.
- ServeMinnesota oversees AmeriCorps and works hand-in-hand with counties, nonprofits, and other local partners to deliver high-impact national service across the state.

We have thousands of opportunities for recent graduates, parents, and retirees to serve Minnesota!

AmeriCorps Programs Proven to Accelerate Academic Achievement

READING CORPS KEY FINDINGS

- **Reading Corps improves early reading skills** the equivalent of a half year to almost a full year of extra school. Students of color, students eligible for free and reduced-price lunch and English Language Learners made **stronger gains than their peers**.
- Reading Corps is effective in any setting – urban, suburban, and rural.

MATH CORPS KEY FINDINGS

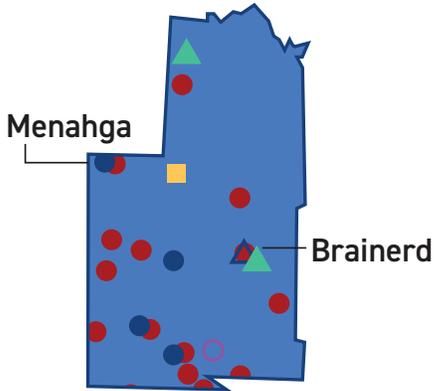
- Math Corps students in grades 4-8 **made significantly larger gains in math skills** than students who did not receive Math Corps support.
- At the end of the school year, Math Corps students were **2-3 months ahead** of expectations, getting back on track for the academic and career success associated with math proficiency.
- Unless they receive direct and targeted interventions, students who are behind in math skills will always remain behind. **Math Corps students are accelerating their progress in every grade.**

AMERICORPS BUILDS A DIVERSE LOCAL TALENT PIPELINE

- ServeMinnesota partners with colleges and universities to create career pathways for members during or after their service, and identifies opportunities to reduce education costs, particularly for future teachers.
- AmeriCorps members build important skills employers look for: leadership, problem-solving, teamwork, communication, and more.
- Of those pursuing employment after service, nearly 70 percent of Reading Corps and Math Corps tutors are looking to work in education.

More than **\$213,000** in federal funds are leveraged for the Region Five each year.

ServeMinnesota AmeriCorps Programs



- Minnesota Math Corps
- Minnesota Reading Corps
- ▲ Minnesota GreenCorps
- △ Emergency Response Initiative
- Community Forestry Corps
- Lead For Minnesota

AmeriCorps Member Benefits

For every 100 full-time members, \$600,000 in Federal AmeriCorps Education Awards is leveraged for individuals to defray the cost of higher education.

- Living Allowance (~\$1,400 per month)
- Health Insurance (premium paid)
- Child Care Assistance
- Student Loan Forbearance and Interest Repayment
- Education Award to pay tuition or repay student loans (\$6,345 for full-time service)
- Access to Designing Your Life career coaching

“Reading Corps is a game changer for many students. We have seen children’s reading skills grow as a direct result of Reading Corps intervention work, while at the same time seeing their confidence displayed with the giant smiles on their faces as they ‘graduate’ from the program.”

Tom Otte, Principal, Pioneer Elementary School
Pierz, Minnesota

BY THE NUMBERS: 2020-2021



28

AmeriCorps members served in 19 sites



\$90,000

Student loan and tuition support

READING CORPS



323

K-3 students served



18

PreK students served

MATH CORPS



52

Students served in grades 4-8

ONGOING INNOVATION

- Addressing the opioid epidemic
- Investing in early math
- Mitigating the impact of climate change