



TAHOE TRUCKEE READS

WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT?

Reading proficiency in 3rd grade is the most important predictor of high school graduation and career success. Nationally, 2/3 of children and 80% of low-income children are not reading proficiently by the end of 3rd grade. This has significant and long-term consequences not only for each of those children but for their communities and our nation as a whole. If left unchecked, this problem will undermine efforts to end intergenerational poverty, close the achievement gap and reduce high school dropout rates.

HOW ARE WE DOING LOCALLY?

Tahoe Truckee Unified School District's overall 3rd grade reading proficiency performance was stronger than the state in 2015-16. Socio-Economically Disadvantaged (SED) student performance is slightly lower and English Learner (EL) reading proficiency is significantly lower when compared to their statewide counterparts. However, English Learner students' reading proficiency¹ should be reviewed in relation to the reclassification of several students from *English Learners* to *Fluent English Learners* prior to the test and leaving a true reflection of students who need further instruction in the academic English language. Additionally, while performing lower than statewide counterparts, TTUSD's Socio- Economically Disadvantaged students' reading proficiency scores have improved over the prior year.

THIRD GRADE STUDENTS READING PROFICIENTLY¹

2015-16 ALL STUDENTS



2015-16 ENGLISH LEARNERS



2015-16 SOCIO-ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED (SED)



¹Students scoring at, near, or above proficient on CAASSP annual standardized test.

¹TTUSD English Learner data does not reflect the % of "English Learners" who are reclassified to "Fluent English Learners." (Tahoe Truckee Unified School District)

SNAPSHOT

4,152 Total Tahoe Truckee Unified School District (TTUSD) enrollment 2016-17.

34% of TTUSD kids entering Kindergarten were English learners in 2013-14. (First 5 Placer Data Profile Report June 2015)

40% of TTUSD kids qualify for free and reduced meals in 2015-16, 6,790 free meals were served to 2016 Summer Scholars.

31% of kids in Kings Beach live in poverty. (First 5 Placer Data Profile Report June 2015)

76% of Tahoe Truckee households pay more than 30% of income on housing. (2016 Regional Housing Study)



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COMMUNITY IMPACT

Tahoe Truckee Reads, a community effort to improve grade-level literacy in our region, launched in 2011. As a result of this campaign, Tahoe Truckee received the 2012 All-America City award from the National Civic League based on our plan to ensure that more children are reading at grade level by the end of third grade.

In 2013, 2014 and 2015 the National Campaign for Grade-Level Reading recognized Tahoe Truckee as a **Pacesetter Community** for making “measurable progress” toward achieving our goals. Tahoe Truckee is one of only three communities in the nation who have received this award for the past three consecutive years.

TAHOE TRUCKEE READS STRATEGY:

To prepare kids for school and to reduce summer learning loss and chronic absenteeism, the Tahoe Truckee community has implemented a number of programs, which include:

School Readiness

- Family Rooms at area elementary schools promote social emotional and school readiness skills for children 0 – 5 and their families.
- Read and Rise, a bilingual family literacy program provides hands on strategies for building literacy at home, reinforcing the fact that parents are their child’s first and most important teachers.
- K Camp provides a 4-week school readiness program open to all incoming Kindergartners.

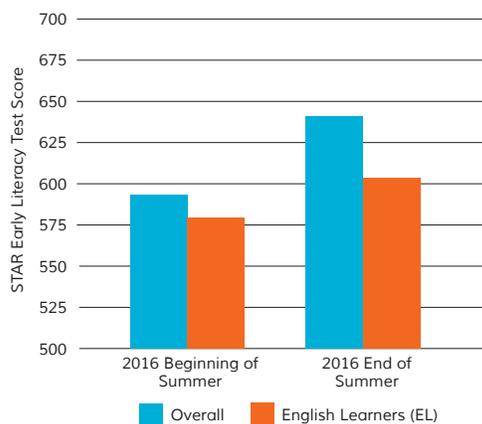
Avoiding Summer Learning Loss

- Neighborhood Reading Programs operate in five low-income neighborhoods, led by accredited local teachers.
- Summer Scholars is a 4-week summer learning program targeted to those elementary students needing academic support.

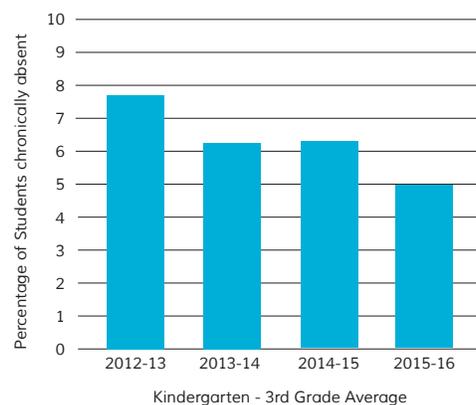
Attendance

- School Attendance Review Teams provide school-based interventions for children at risk of chronic absenteeism.
- Positive Incentive Programs reinforce students’ regular attendance.

2ND GRADE SUMMER SCHOLARS



STUDENTS CHRONICALLY ABSENT



The Community Collaborative of Tahoe Truckee is a partnership of non-profit and public organizations working together to address fundamental needs of families in the Tahoe Truckee Region. The Community Report Card is powered by Results Scorecard. To see full results, visit communitycollaborative.org/community-report-card.

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SUCCESSES

SUMMER SCHOLARS

Among a cohort of students who attended Summer Scholars for two+ consecutive years, **83%** of the rising 3rd grade and **95%** of the rising 4th grade students showed reading growth.

FAMILY ROOMS

100 individual families utilized the Family Rooms in Kings Beach and Truckee on a regular basis in 2015-16.

READ AND RISE

Since inception, **85** parents have participated.

LIBRARY SUMMER READING PROGRAMS

Public libraries have seen an increase in the number of students participating in their summer reading programs. Hundreds of local children participate each summer.

ATTENDANCE

Decreased kindergarten – 3rd grade chronic absenteeism from **8.4%** in 2011-12 to **5%** in 2015-16.

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