

# Team Building

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*Students grades K-4*

## The Program

Team Reading is a collaborative, building-wide reading program designed to address the needs of grades K-4 at-risk students. To this end, daily blocks of time are set aside for language arts instruction and activities for students at each grade level. Teachers engage students with active participation, hands-on and cooperative group experiences, literature circles, and technology-integrated projects. Students are also involved in peer teaching and cross-age tutoring (grades 4-8). All classrooms have access to computers for use with online research projects (grades 3-4) and for publishing writing and practicing reading, writing, and typing (grades K-2). Portfolios and student-led conferences are being further developed at each grade level. There is a four-week reading/math summer school for those students who elect to attend.

Other program components include a multi-modal instructional approach: team teaching, collaboration with reading specialists, cross-grade-level teaching, flexible small group instruction, and individual tutoring. There is a strong volunteer program for parents as well. Parents are trained through workshops that encompass teaching good reading practices, selecting books, helping with homework, and understanding assessments. A parent library is also maintained to provide resources for loan.

## Results

Program outcomes include a rise in the PEP test scores in both reading and math. The Developmental Reading Assessment tools show continued growth. Students were performing at the quality level as designated by the SED. In addition, parent involvement increased and there was a decline in special education services needed.



## Learning Standards

Program addresses all four ELA standards.

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