



# Albuquerque Reads

*A partnership between Albuquerque Public Schools  
and the Greater Albuquerque Chamber of Commerce.*

## Q: What is Albuquerque Reads?

**A:** Launched in 2003, Albuquerque Reads is a partnership between the Greater Albuquerque Chamber of Commerce and Albuquerque Public Schools (APS). The program works solely with kindergarten students at three Albuquerque elementary schools. The focus of the program is literacy development.

## Q: How does the program work?

**A:** Individuals from area businesses and the community, including retirees and college students, are invited to commit an hour and a half each week to tutor kindergarteners. For each session, volunteers will meet with two different kindergarteners for two 30 minute sessions.

## Q: What is required to get started?

**A:** Register at [www.abqreads.com](http://www.abqreads.com), successfully pass a background check through APS, attend a training session, and a willingness to commit 90 minutes each week for the school year (September-April).

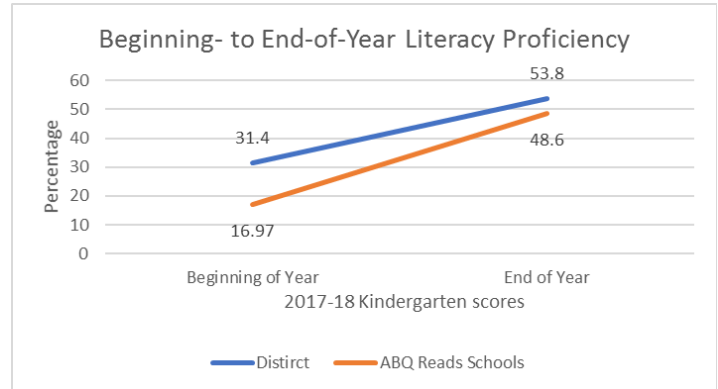
## Q: What if I can't commit to an hour each week?

**A:** You can still make a difference! An option popular with busy professionals, is to form teams of up to four tutors, lessening the time commitment to one and half hours per month.

## Albuquerque Reads FAQs

### Q: Does the program make a difference?

**A:** Yes! Last school year, ABQ Reads students made bigger gains throughout the school year when compared to their district counterparts.



### Q: Is a background check required to volunteer with ABQ Reads? Is there a fee associated with that?

**A:** Yes, a background check is required through Albuquerque Public Schools for \$12. These are good for 2 years.

### Q: Do I have to commit to an entire school year? What if I have a vacation planned?

**A:** In your absence, fellow tutors and substitute tutors may fill in for you. However, we do ask that you commit for September through April at your time slot. You have the opportunity to substitute for other tutors as well!

### Q: Which schools have the ABQ Reads program?

**A:** The ABQ Reads program is at Atrisco, Bel-Air, and Whittier elementary schools.

### Tutoring Days:

**Atrisco Elementary:** Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 8:30-10:10am  
**Bel-Air Elementary:** Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 9:00-10:40am  
**Whittier Elementary:** Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 9:05-10:40am

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