



# EDUCATION CONNECTION

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## OUR MISSION

...every child reading by the end of 3rd grade.

## OUR CORE VALUES

**HUMILITY...**

Not needing to know.

**CONSISTENCY...**

Showing up.

**SIMPLICITY...**

Believing our model makes a difference

## BE INSPIRED

*"There are many little ways to enlarge your child's world. Love of books is the best of all"*

—Jackie Kennedy Onassis

## REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

Education Connection 2019-2020 registration is now open! Visit [www.education-connection.org](http://www.education-connection.org) to complete your registration today. Please be ready to choose the district, school, days and times you are available to read. You will also be asked to select a training date. Remember, all districts require volunteers to complete training and background checks each school year.

If you need assistance registering please visit our How To Register videos...

New Volunteers - <https://vimeo.com/306204358>

Returning Volunteers - <https://vimeo.com/306027286>

## WHY 15 MINUTES?

- Students that read at least 15 minutes a day score in the 90th percentile on standardized tests
- Students reading at least 15 minutes a day acquire a higher vocabulary than peers who don't
- Teachers report that their students experience academic, social, and/or emotional benefits from their time spent with Education Connection volunteers

## 2019-2020 GOALS

We are looking forward to continued growth and impact. Here are our goals for the 2019-2020 school year...

- 1300 Volunteers
- 2600 Students
- 100 Schools
- 12 Districts



# 1 VOLUNTEER + 2 KIDS +30 MINUTES = CHANGING THE WORLD!

...EVERY CHILD READING BY 3RD GRADE

## READING TIP #1

Make books a part of family life – Always have books around at home. That way you and your children are ready to get reading, even if it's only for ten minutes.

## READING TIP #2

All reading is good – Don't rule out non-fiction, comics, graphic novels, magazines or leaflets. Reading is reading and it's all worthwhile.

## READING TIP #3

Read favorites again and again – Encourage your child to re-read the books and poems they love. Re-reading helps to build fluency and confidence.

*Reading tips from [www.pearson.com/uk](http://www.pearson.com/uk)*

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## A MESSAGE FROM OUR DIRECTOR

Welcome to Education Connection's 10th year! I am excited for the 2019-2020 school year and continuing to serve the students in the Greater Austin area. I want to start off by personally thanking you for choosing to be a part of our mission to see "...very child reading by 3rd grade"!

As we start into another school year, I am reminded of all of the students that we are preparing to read with, the many books that will read, and the lives that will be changed. It amazes me how simply taking the time to read a book with a child can have such a tremendous impact.

I'm looking forward to meeting many of you in our upcoming trainings. Please feel free to invite family, friends, and colleagues to join us. Registration opens August 12th!

AMY HAGEN, LMSW  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

## HAVE A QUESTION?

Email us at [info@education-connection.org](mailto:info@education-connection.org) or give us a call at 512-813-5918. We'd love to connect with you and offer our support in any way we can.