



## REACH AmeriCorps Program

The Ready to Extend A Caring Hand (REACH) AmeriCorps Program provides members the opportunity to serve the community by working to enhance student achievement in our schools. The program is designed to provide a strong mentor for elementary and middle school students. Members of the AmeriCorps Program also recruit volunteers to participate in other Jefferson County Public Schools (JCPS) initiatives.

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### Jefferson County Public Schools REACH Corps Program Recruitment



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JEFFERSON COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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## REACH Program

The REACH Corps meaning sums up its purpose: **R**eady to **E**xtend **A** **C**aring **H**and. Through this early-intervention program, a caring adult provides assistance, support, and encouragement to students. Each REACH Corps member acts as a mentor in a nonthreatening environment to 30 identified students who have patterns of excessive unexcused absences.

Studies have shown that early intervention is the key to preventing a student from dropping out of high school. Students who are exhibiting early signs of chronic truancy need individualized early interventions that emphasize the importance of attending school. Many families who are at risk also need help identifying the resources available to them and their children with an emphasis on how education can positively influence their future.



## Program Information

REACH Corps members serve in elementary and middle schools. The main components of the program include mentoring 30 students who have missed excessive days of school from the previous year and helping them improve their attendance. Members spend five days a week mentoring students in their assigned school and provide assistance to the Family Resource and Youth Services Center (FRYSC) as needed. Members also recruit at least 20 volunteers for a



variety of school-based initiatives. In fulfilling these components, AmeriCorps members receive a wide array of training opportunities to enhance their professional and personal growth.

## REACH AmeriCorps Program Member Information

Recruitment efforts are year-round. Applicants may apply online at the AmeriCorps or at the JCPS website.

For the safety of our students, all applicants who are considered for a position must pass a thorough background check. To receive an educational award equivalent to the current Pell Grant award, AmeriCorps members must complete a minimum of 1,700 hours of service. A living allowance of \$16,000 a year (paid every two weeks) is also provided to AmeriCorps members. The AmeriCorps year of service begins **August 1** and ends **July 31** of the following year.