



Teacher & AARP Foundation Experience Corps Partner Guide 2017-2018

Welcome to the AARP Foundation Experience Corps Literacy Tutoring program! Thank you for your willingness to work with the AARP Experience Corps volunteer tutors whose unique skill sets and dedication have made significant advances in student achievement in the Twin Cities. Last school year, 97 AARP Foundation Experience Corps (EC) volunteers tutored 723 students to academic success!

This document will guide you through a year with an EC tutor in your classroom. Please feel free to contact your Experience Corps liaison if you have any questions.

Our EC Team anticipates a great year!



AARP Foundation Experience Corps in Action

VISION: A just society where all children have an equal opportunity to succeed and older adults are valued.

MISSION: Experience Corps engages highly trained adults 50+ who help children attain literacy proficiency by the end of 3rd grade so that children succeed and older adults thrive.

AARP Foundation Experience Corps (EC) engages community members age 50+ to serve as tutors and mentors, helping children learn to read, develop the self-confidence and literacy skills to succeed in school and life. Research shows that Experience Corps boosts student academic performance, helps schools and youth-serving organizations become more successful, strengthens ties between these institutions and surrounding neighborhoods, and enhances the well-being of the members in the process. Visit Experience Corps online at www.aarp.org/experience-corps.

Expectations

EC Tutors:

- Complete 20-25 hours of pre- and in-service training: literacy tutoring, mentoring, early childhood education, cultural responsiveness
- Commit to a consistent schedule to tutor 2+ days per week, 6-10 hours per week
- Work with students identified as benefitting from one-to-one or small group tutoring with a focus on students reading below grade level who would benefit from additional support to build reading skills and strategies including letter recognition, sounds, comprehension, vocabulary, and writing. Tutors spend 60-90 minutes per week tutoring each assigned student.
- Supplement your curriculum and support reading goals using your preferred materials to reinforce the skills and strategies students are learning in your classroom.

EC Teacher Partners:

September:

- Select Focus List students based on fall testing.
- Complete Student Pre-Tutoring Assessments for each student referred for Experience Corps tutoring online at <http://expcorpsmn.org/teachers>.

October:

- EC Tutor arrives in your classroom. Introduce the tutor to their Focus List students.
- Complete Teacher Information Questionnaire online at <http://expcorpsmn.org/teachers> (will be shared with your tutor).

School Year Support:

- Provide tutors with curriculum, materials and/or activities readily available to use with students; assign an area for tutoring with an adult-sized chair.
- Notify tutors of classroom or student schedule changes (e.g. field trips).
- Complete online forms assessing the EC program, progress of the students served, and efficacy of the tutors. **Details and due dates below.**

Contact Experience Corps staff with any concerns or questions:

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