FAQ’s for volunteers

What do BB volunteers do?

BB volunteers tutor underperforming students to improve reading and literacy skills during the school year. Tutoring usually begins in early October and continues through April.

What is the time commitment?

Each student gets two hours of tutoring per week. Volunteers are encouraged to commit to both sessions each week but may sign up for just one hour a week. This regular commitment is important because volunteers work with the same students each week.

What if I can’t commit to tutoring every week?

You could volunteer to be a substitute tutor. Each week, we need people to fill in for volunteers who are unable to attend their scheduled tutoring sessions.

Where does the tutoring happen?

Volunteers tutor at several schools throughout Charleston County. When you sign up as a volunteer, you can indicate which school locations would be most convenient for you.

Do I receive training?

All volunteers receive two hours of training before they begin to tutor. They will also receive additional training and feedback throughout the school year.

What is the level of satisfaction among existing volunteers?

Our annual survey of volunteers shows that more than 90% plan to return and would recommend the experience to a friend.

FAQ’s for donors

How do you measure the results from BB program?

We use a combination of quantitative and qualitative measures. We look at reading scores from tests administered by the school district (MAP) as well as our own proprietary test results (PALS). In addition, the teachers also provide helpful feedback on the students’ progress.

What have been the results from BB so far?

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How do students in BB compare to other students in the same school?

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How are children chosen for the BB program?

Students who score between the 15th and 49th percentile (???) on school-administered tests provide the initial pool for the BB program. BB coordinators then work with teachers to select those students who will benefit the most from the BB program.

What are the primary costs for operating the BB program?

Although all the tutors are volunteers, BB employs a reading coordinator at each school to organize and administer the program. These coordinators are all certified reading specialists.

What is the cost per student?

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