



NORTH TAHOE-TRUCKEE

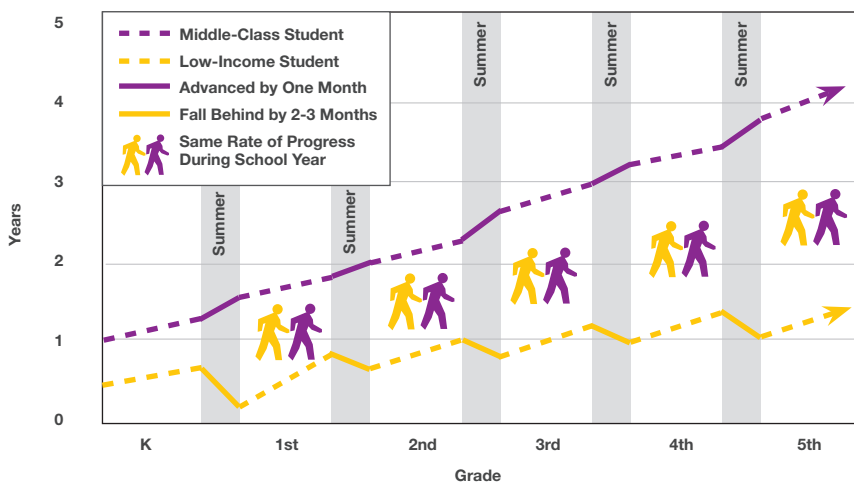
Education Highlight: Third Grade Reading

Why Is This Important?



Reading proficiency in 3rd grade is the most important predictor of high school graduation and career success. Nationally, 2/3 of children and 80% of low-income children are not reading proficiently by the end of 3rd grade. This has significant and long-term consequences not only for each of those children but for their communities and our nation as a whole. If left unchecked, this problem will undermine efforts to end intergenerational poverty, close the achievement gap and reduce high school dropout rates.

Low-Income Students Fall 2.5 to 3 Years Behind by Fifth Grade



Source: Cooper, H., Borman, G., & Fairchild, R. (2010). "School Calendars and Academic Achievement." In J. Meece & J. Eccles (Eds.), *Handbook of Research on Schools, Schooling, and Human Development* (pp. 342-355). Mahwah, NJ: Erlbaum.

SNAPSHOT: Poverty Matters in the U.S.

61% of low-income children have no children's books at home

Low income children hear as many as 30 million fewer words than their more affluent peers

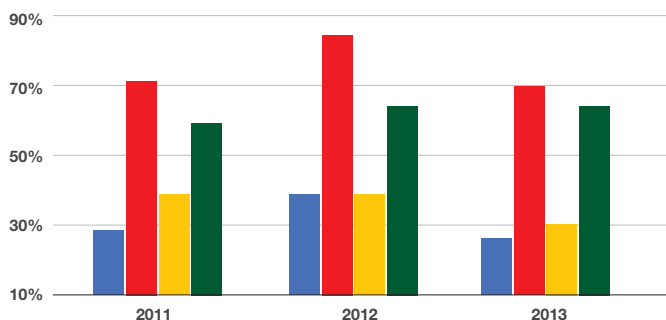
A child's vocabulary as early as age 3 can predict 3rd grade reading achievement

Low-income students lose an average of more than two months in reading achievement in the summer

1 in 10 kindergartners miss nearly a month of school every year

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% of 3rd Graders Reading at Grade Level



TTUSD English Learners TTUSD Native English Speakers Low Income Students All TTUSD 3rd Graders

Source: Tahoe Truckee Unified School District

How are we doing locally?

Based on 2013 data, 38% of students in our local school district are not proficient readers by the end of 3rd grade. Within that, 68% of our low-income children are not proficient by this time.

(CST Reading Comprehension)

*Free and Reduced Lunch Eligible
Source: California Department of Education Dataquest



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How We Impact

Tahoe Truckee Reads is a community effort to improve grade level literacy in our region. Tahoe-Truckee received the 2012 All-America City award from the National Civic League based on a plan to ensure that more children are reading at grade level by the end of 3rd grade. In conjunction with the National Campaign for Grade Level Reading, which is supported by the Annie E. Casey Foundation, Tahoe Truckee Reads works with local schools and families to increase reading proficiency in our community using three strategies:

- p **School Readiness:** All kindergarten students enter school ready to learn.
- p **Avoiding Summer Learning Loss:** Prevent the loss of academic ground during summer months.
- p **School Attendance:** Decrease the number of K-3 grade students experiencing chronic absenteeism.

2014 Tahoe Truckee Reads Strategy Highlights:

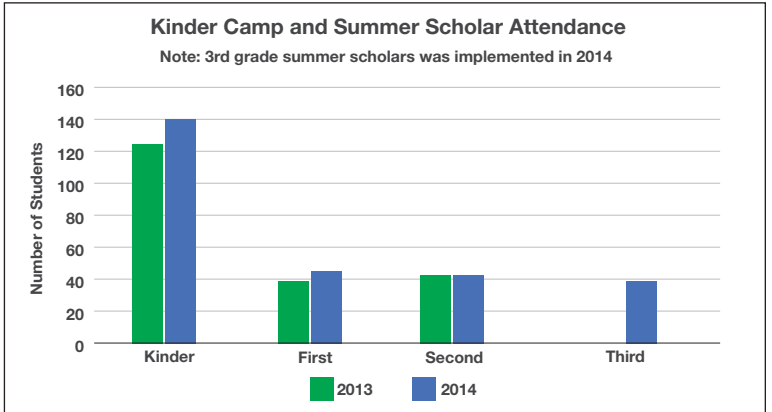
Kinder Camp: 4-week summer kindergarten preparation camp attended by 41% of all incoming kinders in summer 2014.

Summer Scholars: 4-week targeted intervention program for 1st through 3rd graders needing reading support over the summer months, attended by 129 students in summer 2014.

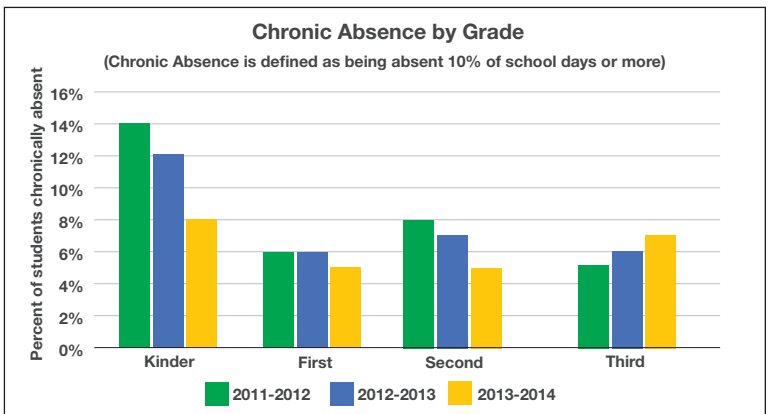
Attendance messaging focusing on the role of families in reducing absences, resulting in a district wide decline of 100 chronically absent students.

Summer Literacy Programs focusing on 6 low income neighborhoods attended by over 120 students.

Tahoe Truckee Reads is a coalition of partners committed to improving the reading success of Tahoe Truckee youth. Led by Excellence in Education, the initiative focuses on school readiness, school attendance and avoiding summer learning loss. For more information, visit TahoeTruckeeReads.org or call Laura Brown at 530.550.7984, Excellence in Education Foundation



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The Community Collaborative of Tahoe Truckee is a partnership of non-profit and public organizations working together to address fundamental needs of families in the Tahoe Truckee Region.

The Community Report Card is powered by Results Scorecard. To see full results, visit communitycollaborative.org/community-report-card

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