

READING MATTERS

New York Touchstone:
Children will leave school prepared to live, learn & work in a community as contributing members.

For children to achieve this touchstone, they must be able to develop sound reading skills in the early grades.

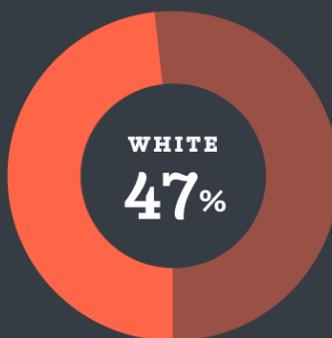
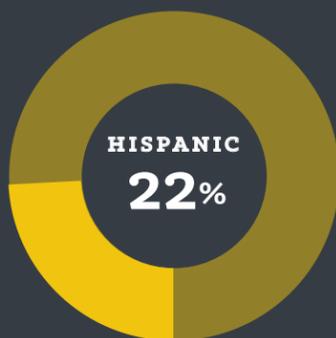
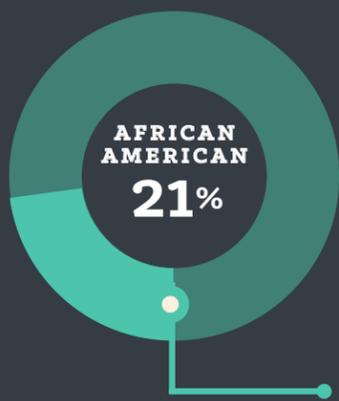
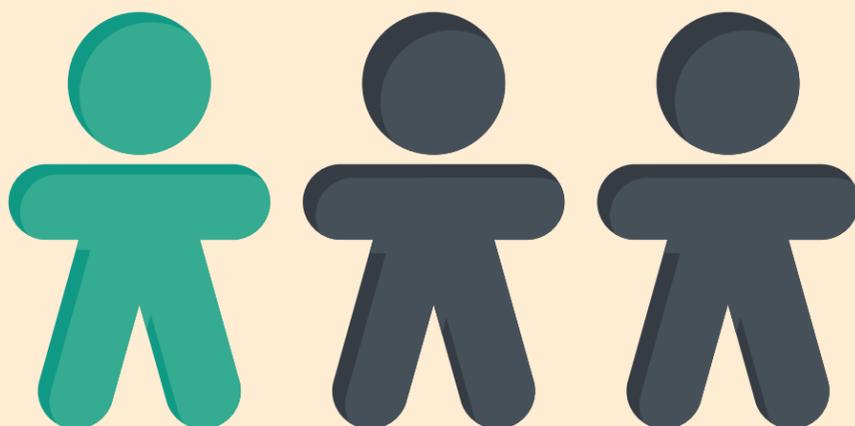
“Children who read proficiently by the end of 3rd grade are more likely to graduate from high school & to be economically successful in adulthood.”

NAEP

The National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) is the national yardstick for assessing reading proficiency.

2013 RESULTS INDICATE:

1 OUT OF **3** 4TH GRADE STUDENTS IN NY STATE READS AT A PROFICIENT OR ADVANCED LEVEL.



A **33%** POINT DIFFERENCE SHOWS THE LARGEST GAP



CAMPAIGN FOR GRADE LEVEL READING



7 NY COMMUNITIES

... mobilized to expand learning opportunities & assist parents & schools in their roles to assure students succeed.

4 STEPS to READING SUCCESS

1 FAMILY LITERACY

Parenting programs help families learn ways to build their children's literacy skills.



65%
0-5 YRS READ TO 5-7 TIMES A WEEK



70%
0-5 YRS SUNG TO 5-7 TIMES A WEEK



ENROLLED IN PRE-K

55%
ALL CHILDREN 3-4 YRS

46%
LOW INCOME 3-4 YRS



Quality early learning programs increase children's ability to succeed.

2 SCHOOL READINESS

3 GOOD ATTENDANCE



every student **present!**
bright futures begin with good school attendance

Identify ways to engage students and families to improve school attendance.
6% OF 6-17 YEAR OLDS MISSED 11 +DAYS

Summer learning opportunities help children maintain the academic gains they made during the school year.



4 SUMMER LEARNING