



**Read Excel Achieve Lead (R.E.A.L.) Read** is a program based on a simple idea: something meaningful happens when volunteers from our community share their love for reading.

- Books are engaging, grade-appropriate readings that celebrate diversity, inclusion, and strong values
- Fiction titles feature main characters and plots that demonstrate creative problem-solving and resiliency
- Nonfiction titles include biographies of inspirational figures

#### **By the Numbers**

- 36 elementary schools
- 13,500+ students
- 54,000+ books
- 500+ volunteers
- 50+ businesses and organizations

#### **Outcomes**

- Supporting schoolwide Positive Behavior Interventions Supports (PBIS)
- Increasing family and community engagement and volunteerism
- Encouraging students' persistence to graduation, expanding students' knowledge of career opportunities, and building cultural connections
- Helping families establish home libraries (*nationwide, fewer than 60% of students in poverty have books at home*)



## VirtuReal

- Anytime and Anywhere
- Zoom
- YouTube (24/7)
- Podcast (24/7)
- MetroNet channel 2
- Spectrum channel 19
- Plays at (9:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 9:30 p.m.)

### How to Volunteer

- Visit [fcps.net/realread](https://fcps.net/realread) to complete a volunteer application
- Call or email REAL Read Coordinator at your school of choice
- Read aloud in classrooms for up to an hour a month
- Bring yourself and real-world experiences

