

springboardafterschool

What is Springboard Collaborative?

Springboard Collaborative is a nonprofit that closes the literacy gap by coaching teachers, training family members, and cultivating reading habits. Our programs put students on track to close the reading achievement gap by 4th grade.

What is Springboard Afterschool?

Springboard Afterschool trains teachers to differentiate instruction and engage families in order to accelerate struggling readers' progress during the academic year. It is a 4-month intervention—with a customizable calendar—that combines teacher coaching, small-group instruction, family workshops, and incentives.

- **Pre-program:** In January, Springboard trains teachers to analyze assessment data, create individualized action plans, and communicate plans to families.
- **Program:** Over 10 weeks in February–April, Springboard repeats this cycle:
 - **Coaching:** On Mondays, each school's dedicated coach helps teachers plan for differentiated instruction and effective parent collaboration. They return later in the week to give feedback in real-time.
 - **Guided reading:** On Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, students receive one hour of targeted, small group reading instruction.
 - **Family workshops:** On four Wednesdays during programming, teachers lead workshops to equip families with strategies and resources.
- **Learning bonuses:** Springboard distributes educational incentives—including books and tablets—during a capstone celebration.

How does Springboard Afterschool benefit our school?

In combination with Springboard Summer, Afterschool offers students a double dose of support. It also offers teachers a concentrated dosage of coaching. This builds internal capacity on multiple levels:

- **We develop your teachers as instructors** by combining explicit PD, real-time coaching, and applied practice in a coherent framework that maximizes growth.
- **We develop your children as readers** by harnessing out-of-school-time to improve literacy for the students that need it most.
- **We develop your parents as teachers** by training and equipping family members to be effective reading coaches, enabling schools to dramatically increase instructional hours in ways that would otherwise be cost-prohibitive.

What outcomes can we expect?

Last year, Springboard Afterschool scholars averaged a 3.5-month reading gain during programming. Workshops training families to teach reading averaged an astonishing 98% parent attendance. In the process, teachers and families turn effective practices into lasting habits.

How can we start a partnership?

A partnership begins with an agreement to support 2-3 classrooms of 15 students at each site. Schools select their own teachers and students, and Springboard manages implementation. This combines the capacity-building benefit of a do-it-yourself model with the convenience of an all-inclusive package.

Learn more at www.springboardcollaborative.org

