



REACH Fact Sheet



PROGRAM YEAR SIX: 2020-21

Program Goals

1. Improve student achievement in mathematics and reading.
2. Provide enrichment opportunities that connect the student to the community.
3. Increase parent involvement and assist them with supporting learning at home.

Program Centers

REACH is offered 12 hours per week for 32+ weeks during the school year and 4 weeks during summer at:

Lyle School District

- Dallesport Elementary, serving grades 3-6
- Lyle Middle/High School, serving grades 7-12

Wishram School District

- Wishram Elementary and High School, serving grades K-12

Website & Program Contact

REACH website features:

- Parent resources
- Links to program partners
- Program newsletters

Who to contact:

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OVERVIEW

REACH is designed as an exciting K-12 extended school day and summer program providing enrichment activities and quality academic support particularly in the areas of mathematics and reading.

All students are welcome to participate, with priority enrollment being given to students not meeting standards in reading and/or math and those students who participate in the free or reduced-price meals program at their school.

All youth can benefit from the program; on grade, below grade, or above grade level.

REACH provides:

- high quality, research-based curriculum, and instruction
- a strong home connection with an emphasis on family involvement
- educational enrichment activities and field trips
- strong connections to the community
- a safe, healthy, and supportive learning environment
- volunteer opportunities
- transportation to and from home

STRONG COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

REACH collaborates with local partners to provide exciting enrichment opportunities to engage youth and make them enthusiastic learners. This year's Community Partners included:

- 4-H of Klickitat County
- Arts in Education of the Gorge (AIEG)
- Fort Vancouver Regional Library (FVRL)
- Gorge Ecology Outdoors (GEO)
- Klickitat County Public Health Department
- Klickitat County Sheriff's Department
- Klickitat-Lyle Against Substance Abuse Coalition (KLASAC)
- Riverview Community Bank
- Skyline Hospital
- The Howards Haven Animal Sanctuary



PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Dough Month was a huge hit with the REACH youth in Wishram. During the month of October, they made a new kind of dough during each REACH session. Materials were delivered to homes for youth to make soap dough, soda craft dough, toilet paper/soap dough, crepe paper dough, play dough, fruity dough, edible marshmallow dough, bread dough and more.

"It was fun to watch our students get so excited about the changes that were happening right in front of them, and the help from the families was extremely special." – REACH program staff

A representative from Skyline Hospital and a retired Coast Guard doctor, presented a first aid and safety class to Dallesport REACH youth. Students read informational text, learned about basic first aid, and safety issues. Youth were very engaged and eager to hear about steps they could take to have a career in the medical field. During the presentation youth were assigned "injuries" then bandaged each other up and used their new knowledge to take proper care of each other during "the emergency." The students were given a first aid/emergency kit, supplied by REACH, to take home.

This year Lyle Secondary activities included calligraphy, creative writing and poetry, journaling, STEM fun, scavenger hunts, SEL activities, food science projects, book clubs, pumpkin carving, and icebreakers. Staff report that the students' favorite projects are anything to do with ART!

VIRTUAL PROGRAMMING

REACH staff constantly work to expose youth to experiences, services, and resources to help them continue to thrive. During "Stay Home, Stay Healthy" orders, staff delivered instructional materials, supplies, and snacks to all REACH students' homes in order to maintain connections with youth and their families. This ensured all youth were able to participate in the REACH program. Each bag was full of delicious nutritional snacks, a variety of independent enrichment activities that were focused on math, reading, art, science and include the weekly materials/ curriculum for the virtual REACH meetings. During weekly virtual meetings, youth dive into a variety of activities and enjoy some much-needed social time.

IMPACT OF REACH

All 46 REACH youth who completed an end-of-year survey indicated they think REACH has helped them this year. When parents of REACH students were surveyed they overwhelmingly agreed that the program was good for their family. Year-end data show that REACH is having a positive impact on assessment scores and grades of youth who regularly attend REACH. When fall assessment scores and grades were compared with spring assessment scores and grades, 75% of those who attended REACH 30+ days improved in reading and 77% improved in math.

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