

# Connect Through Reading Program

## **Description:**

The Connect through Reading Program aims to support newcomer elementary students in their transition into Secondary school. Secondary school students provide mentorship to younger children, and they engage in reading together and fostering a love of reading and learning. The program provides secondary school students an opportunity to mentor younger newcomer children while learning leadership and mentorship skills.

**Target Participants – Group 1:** Newcomer and ELL students grades 5 to 7

**Goals:** Elementary students will:

- Develop the skills to transition from elementary to secondary schools
- Develop interpersonal and communication skills
- Strengthen their reading and comprehension skills
- Develop a relationship with a mentor “buddy” in their area secondary school
- Develop connections to school and community supports and resources

**Target Participants – Group 2:** Secondary students grade 10 to 12

**Goals:** Secondary students will:

- Develop communication and interpersonal skills
- Acquire volunteer opportunities for community involvement
- Develop leadership skills through training
- Increase skills in cross culture awareness
- Improve interpersonal, communication and instructional skills and strategies

**For more information:**

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