

Back to School 2020 - 2021

Read to Succeed Asheville/Buncombe





220+

The number of students R2S volunteer reading tutors served in the 2019 - 2020 school year. More students than ever will need literacy support to stay on track and achieve grade-level reading proficiency.

Let's show up for them!

Agenda

- What to Expect in the 2020 - 2021 School Year
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- Online Training
- Background Checks
- R2S Office Hours, Volunteer Handbook, & Library Items
- Q&A
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2020 - 2021 School Year

Both Asheville City Schools & Buncombe County Schools are beginning the school year with remote learning for students.

Volunteers are NOT allowed back into schools at this time.

Both school systems have agreed to collaborate with R2S to provide video conference reading tutoring to students not reading at grade-level.



What is Video Conference Tutoring?



ALL volunteer reading tutors will be provided with training and support to learn how to effectively tutor a student via video conference.

Tutoring via video conference means using your computer or tablet, a webcam and mic (may already be built-in to your device), and the internet to video call with your student and conduct a virtual tutoring session.

Video conference tutoring allows us to:

- Serve students while they are learning remotely from home
- Promote literacy *in students' homes*
- Meet students in a digital environment with which they are familiar
- Protect the health and safety of students and volunteers during the COVID-19 pandemic

We will use free, secure video conferencing apps to conduct video conference tutoring sessions.

What We Need From You

All volunteer reading tutors will receive an email from R2S with a quick survey where you can let us know if you would like to participate in video conference tutoring and whether you have the technology and internet connection required.

R2S needs to confirm with every reading tutor volunteer:

- Would you like to participate in video conference tutoring sessions with students?
- Do you have the tools and space at home to successfully conduct a video conference tutoring session? I.e., computer or tablet with webcam/mic, strong internet connection, a quiet room in the house where you can tutor.
- What time do you have available? Some students' families may need tutors after school hours.

**Keep in mind, video conference tutors will need to complete the necessary trainings/courses/review online from home.*

Video Conference Tutoring: Next Steps



ALL volunteer reading tutors will be provided with training and support to learn how to effectively tutor a student via video conference.

Once R2S has confirmed your participation as a virtual reading tutor, we will match you with a student **based on their schedule.**

- If a student needs to be tutored in the afternoon after “school hours,” we will provide a tutor that can accommodate that schedule.
- If a student needs to be tutored on certain days of the week when their family can support them in getting on their device and launching a video conferencing app, we will provide a tutor that can accommodate that schedule.

Our goal: To serve students to the best of our ability with one-to-one literacy tutoring no matter where or when.

Online Training

All volunteer reading tutors will receive an email from R2S with directions on how and when to access online trainings.

Zoom review/Q&A sessions with Program & Training Director, Julie Thomas (JT) will be scheduled via email in August and September.

Updates on Upcoming Trainings/Workshops:

- **Back to Basics workshops** will be replaced by a “resource hub” online with essential training materials to review on your own.
- **Rising Grades workshops are temporarily on hold** as we expect all students to be reading at their previous grade level.
- **A brand NEW Video Conference Tutoring course** will be made available online in August for *all* volunteers to complete from home.

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- **Syllable Basics** is now a complete online course with videos and printable activities available to volunteers to complete from the convenience of home.

Those who already signed up for this course will receive email instructions in August about how to access it online.

- **Trainings for new volunteer tutors** will take place online later this fall once we have initiated our Video Conference Tutoring program with existing volunteers.

Background Checks

NEW: All current and future volunteer reading tutors will be **required to complete both Asheville City Schools and Buncombe County Schools background check applications.**

This will provide R2S with the flexibility to provide more reading tutors to students across both school systems.

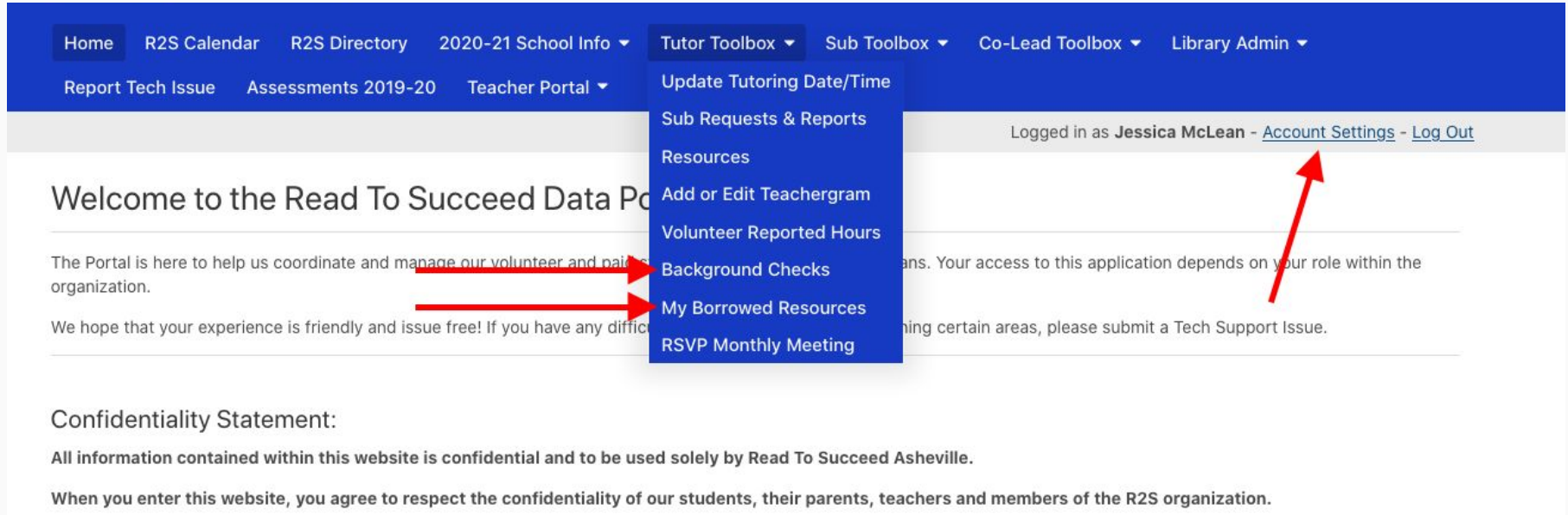
All volunteers need to log in to the R2S Data Portal to find out which background check application(s) they still need to submit.

**"Flexibility
is my middle
name."**

- R2S VOLUNTEER

R2S Data Portal - Tutor Toolbox

NEW LINK >> www.r2sasheville.org/login



The screenshot shows the R2S Data Portal interface. At the top, a blue navigation bar contains several menu items: Home, R2S Calendar, R2S Directory, 2020-21 School Info, Tutor Toolbox (which is expanded), Sub Toolbox, Co-Lead Toolbox, and Library Admin. The expanded Tutor Toolbox menu lists: Update Tutoring Date/Time, Sub Requests & Reports, Resources, Add or Edit Teachergram, Volunteer Reported Hours, Background Checks, My Borrowed Resources, and RSVP Monthly Meeting. Two red arrows point from the text 'manage our volunteer and paid staff' in the main content area to the 'Background Checks' and 'My Borrowed Resources' menu items. In the top right corner, a grey bar indicates the user is logged in as Jessica McLean, with links for Account Settings and Log Out. A red arrow points from the text 'Your access to this application depends on your role within the organization' to the Account Settings link. The main content area features a 'Welcome to the Read To Succeed Data Portal' section with introductory text and a 'Confidentiality Statement' section below it.

Home R2S Calendar R2S Directory 2020-21 School Info ▼ Tutor Toolbox ▼ Sub Toolbox ▼ Co-Lead Toolbox ▼ Library Admin ▼

Report Tech Issue Assessments 2019-20 Teacher Portal ▼

Update Tutoring Date/Time
Sub Requests & Reports
Resources
Add or Edit Teachergram
Volunteer Reported Hours
Background Checks
My Borrowed Resources
RSVP Monthly Meeting

Logged in as **Jessica McLean** - [Account Settings](#) - [Log Out](#)

Welcome to the Read To Succeed Data Portal

The Portal is here to help us coordinate and manage our volunteer and paid staff. Your access to this application depends on your role within the organization.

We hope that your experience is friendly and issue free! If you have any difficulties using certain areas, please submit a Tech Support Issue.

Confidentiality Statement:

All information contained within this website is confidential and to be used solely by Read To Succeed Asheville.

When you enter this website, you agree to respect the confidentiality of our students, their parents, teachers and members of the R2S organization.

R2S Library Resources

We need your help! Hundreds of books, games, and other items from the R2S library and resource boxes in the school media centers have not been returned.



No-Contact Drop-Off of Library Items by Sept. 1, 2020

- Every Tuesday in August between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., R2S resources can be dropped off in a blue box outside the office door in Pisgah View Apartments (16A Stewart St.)

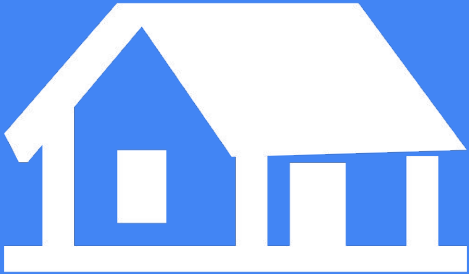
Michele will be in the office on those days. Please knock on the door or call (828) 747-2277 to let Michele know you have dropped items off.

- If you would prefer to mail them in, please send to:

Read to Succeed
PO Box 18652
Asheville, NC 28814

- If you would like to hold on to R2S resources to use in your video conference tutoring sessions, please email michele.luther@r2sasheville.org so we can re-check them out for you.

R2S Office & Volunteer Handbook



- The R2S office in the Pisgah View Apartments community will remain closed to volunteers until further notice (except for no-contact pickup and drop-off of library resources).
- All R2S volunteers will receive new contents for their Volunteer Handbook (green folder) along with new name tags in the mail in August. (Please verify your mailing address in your Account Settings in the R2S Data Portal)

Q & A

Contact R2S Staff

Do not hesitate to reach out - we are here for you!

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“The progress of the world
will call for the best that
all of us have to give.”

- Mary McLeod Bethune