

# GETTING STARTED: Launching an ARISE2Read Program



Being a part of the ARISE2Read program is a huge blessing that comes with a great responsibility. Because ARISE2Read is a Christian organization, we want to embody the highest degree of integrity and responsibility. Therefore, there is no greater partnership than with the local church to make a true difference in the life of a child, a family, and a city. So, how do you get started???

## After gaining commitment and support from your pastor:

- **Collaborate with the ARISE2Read team** to set up informational meetings.
- **Identify your school.**
- **Gain the principal's permission** to implement the program.
  - You will need an estimated number of students and a commitment of at least 2 days per week, 1 hour on each day.
- **Identify a lead person** at your church to serve as head coach and oversee the program.
- **Schedule a Head Coach training** with ARISE2Read.
  - Explain the commitment and importance of serving one hour per week.
  - Distribute information on obtaining background checks as required by your local school board.
  - Train volunteers on ARISE2Read program.
- **Promote ARISE2Read** in your church to generate excitement and enthusiasm for the program.
  - From the pulpit – the pastor will be the most effective.
  - In Life Groups/Sunday School classes- use bulletins, emails, etc.
- **Gather contact information**
  - Place sign-up sheets or cards in multiple areas to gather contact information.
  - To help follow up with those interested, request email addresses and/or phone numbers from each potential volunteer.
- **Schedule training for coaches and give them a start date** once background checks are approved.

### School Responsibilities

- Provide a space for coaching
- Identify participating 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students.
- Provide class rosters
- Select days and times for coaching schedule
- Clarify protocol for parking, sign-in, etc.
- Provide the school calendar
- Notify the head coach when students are not available for coaching (ex.: field trips, special programs, testing, etc.)

### ARISE2Read Responsibilities

- Assist in identifying a school
- Provide information and/or support for principal meeting
- Provide Head Coach and/or volunteer training
- Set-up online workbooks
- Support and encourage Head Coaches
- Review pre- and post-test scores
- Ensure fidelity in implementing the ARISE2Read program
- Offer guidance when needed