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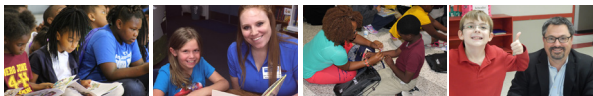
of **READ.LEARN.SUCCEED.** students in Lincoln Parish, Monroe City, and Ouachita Parish schools improved their reading skills during the 2016-2017 school year.

**Join the fight for a better education for all in our community! Help guide an area 2nd or 3rd grader down the path to high school graduation as a **READ.LEARN.SUCCEED.** volunteer reader!**

- As a **READ.LEARN.SUCCEED.** volunteer, you'll help an area 2nd or 3rd grader in Lincoln Parish, Monroe City, Ouachita Parish, or Union Parish partner schools improve their skills, while inspiring a lifelong love of reading.
- Once a week, your **READ.LEARN.SUCCEED.** student will read to you in 30-minute, one-on-one sessions. Volunteer teams are encouraged to rotate reading sessions weekly.
- Each **READ.LEARN.SUCCEED.** student will receive a new book each month from United Way of Northeast Louisiana to take home and read with their family, as well as 15 new books to take home over the summer.

To learn more, call 2-1-1, or contact Michelle Saucer, Director of Community Impact, at 318-998-9207, or [msaucer@unitedwaynela.org](mailto:msaucer@unitedwaynela.org).

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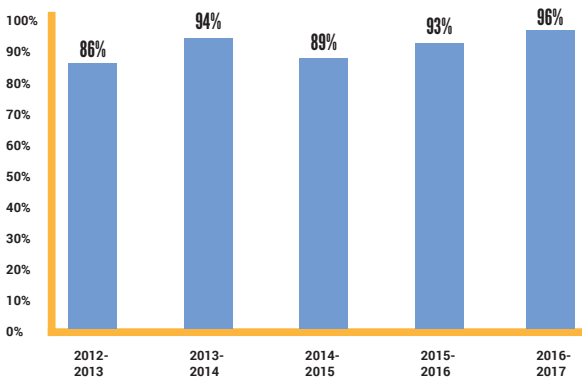
## Improving Reading Skills Since 2012

Studies show that students who cannot read on grade level by the end of the 3rd grade are four times less likely to graduate from high school than a child who can, so United Way of Northeast Louisiana has partnered with Lincoln Parish, Monroe City, Ouachita Parish, and Union Parish School Districts to tackle this issue.

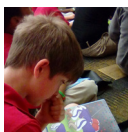
Launched during the 2012-2013 school year, **READ.LEARN.SUCCEED.**, United Way of Northeast Louisiana's community education initiative, focuses on helping 2nd and 3rd graders read on grade level, with the ultimate goal of improving local graduation rates.

Since its launch, **READ.LEARN.SUCCEED.** has helped over 900 Northeast Louisiana students improve their reading skills, increasing their chances of graduating from high school. The initiative has also provided over 24,000 free books to **READ.LEARN.SUCCEED.** students to add to their home libraries, helping to inspire a life-long love of reading.

### READ.LEARN.SUCCEED. Percentage of Student Improvement 2012-Present



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