



**Black Hills READS**



Black Hills Reads helps to ensure  
children are proficient readers  
by the end of third grade.

The first step in a child's  
education is teaching  
them to read.



**Let's READ!**  
**Contact Black Hills Reads.**



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# THE FACTS



- Reading proficiency by 3rd grade is the most important predictor of high school graduation and career success.
- 74% of students who fail to read proficiently by the end of the 3rd grade falter in later grades and often drop out before earning a high school diploma.
- According to national reading assessment data, two-thirds of U.S. 4th graders are not proficient readers.
- Black Hills Reads partners with other organizations to address the challenges of reading achievement.

# TOGETHER WE CAN HELP!

## HEALTHY READERS

Healthy development greatly impacts a child's ability to learn.

Learning begins long before a child enters kindergarten.

## SCHOOL READINESS

## SUMMER LEARNING

Reading during the summer prevents kids from falling behind.

It is vital that children miss as little school as possible to keep up on reading.

## SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

## SUCCESSFUL PARENTS

Parents are the secret ingredient to their child's success.



## GET INVOLVED!

We are committed to and passionate about the success of families and children in our communities.

**Take Action!** Join us by volunteering, donating or being an advocate for kids in our communities.