

What are Project Literacy and Project Graduation?

Through engaging corporate, educational, government and individual partners, we are working with local elementary and high schools to help at-risk students succeed. Project Literacy pairs volunteers with elementary students to improve reading skills. Project Graduation provides at-risk high school students with opportunities to realize the benefits of graduating.



[YouTube.com > Progress Rail > Projects Literacy and Graduation](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ProgressRailProjectsLiteracyandGraduation)

Did you know?

- Students who do not read on grade level by third grade are four times more likely to drop out once they reach high school.
- Approximately 70% of people processed by the Marshall County District Attorney are high school dropouts
- 75% of crimes are committed by dropouts
- 1 in 10 dropouts will end up in prison
- On average, each dropout costs taxpayers approximately \$292,000

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Project Literacy

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Project Graduation

Graduation rates directly correlate to a job ready workforce and job creation, which is imperative to business growth and community success in Marshall County.

How Do Project Literacy and Project Graduation Work?

Project Literacy

Volunteers serve as reading/mentoring partners for third through fifth grade students at elementary schools in Marshall County, reading with two students for thirty minutes each, once per week.

Participants will receive training and be prepped with specific lessons to maximize the reading sessions during the school year.

Project Graduation

Selected high school students will participate in one-on-one mentoring sessions, tours at local businesses, and training with the 7 Habits for Highly Effective Teens.



Volunteers will commit to participating in the mentoring sessions once per month, with the option of attending the tours and training as schedules permit.

The goal is to show students what opportunities exist when they graduate high school. Not every student should or wants to go to college. This program shows at-risk students another path that is achievable and can provide them with a positive quality of life.

Through both of these programs, you can make a difference in the lives of students in Marshall County - making our community a better place to live, work, and raise families.

Ready to Sign Up?

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