

STAIR-Annapolis Volunteer Training

PART 1: GETTING READY TO VOLUNTEER



STAIR Mission

- To increase the reading level of 2nd graders reading below grade level
- To improve each student's sense of self-esteem and self-confidence, and
- To provide a nurturing environment where reading is fun!

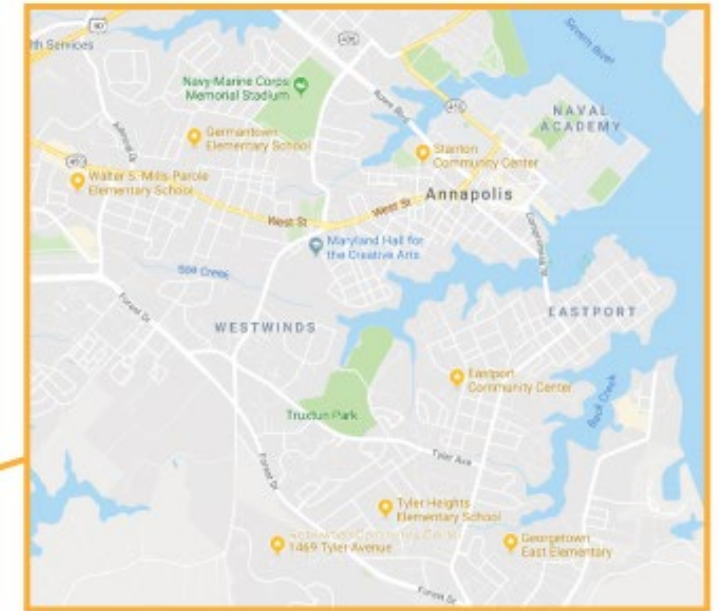
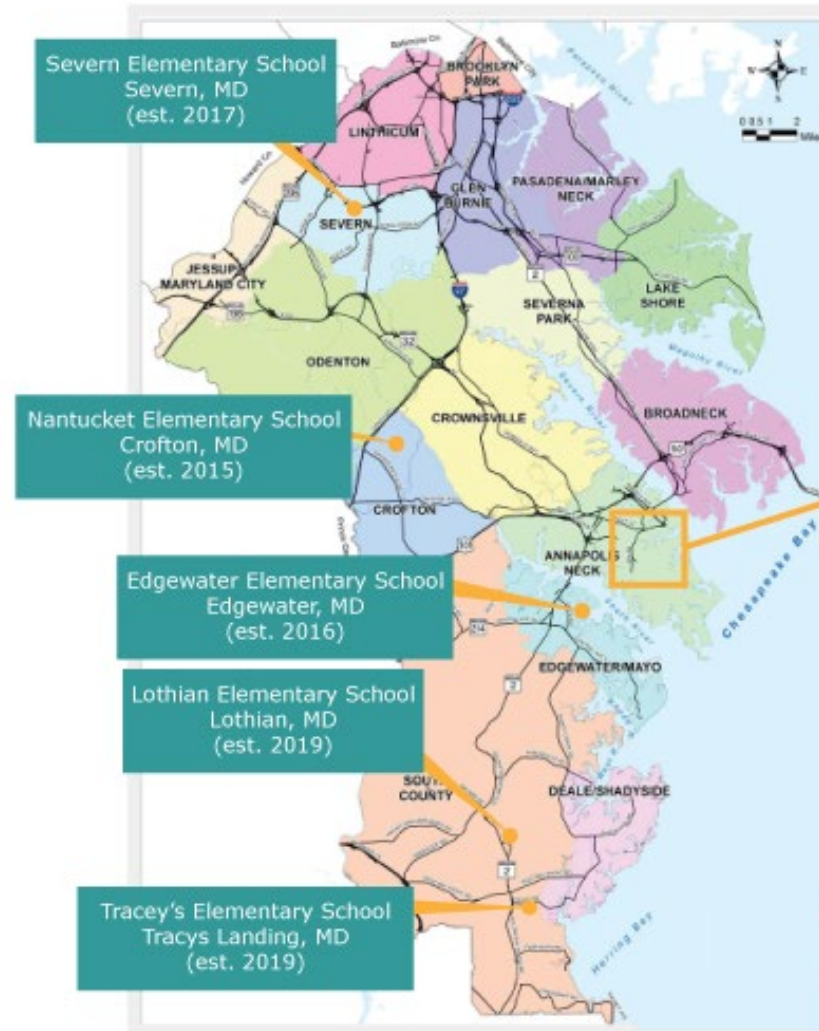
About STAIR

- Began in New Orleans 35 years ago
- In 2005 STAIR started at the Stanton Center in Annapolis with 9 students and 12 tutors
- Became a 501(c)(3) in 2014 in order to receive grant funding
- STAIR now has 12 tutoring sites, over 220 tutors, and tutored 120 students in 2020-2021
- STAIR students improved an average of 4.3 reading levels from September 2018-May 2019

12 STAIR Sites

- Eastport CC
- Edgewater
- Germantown
- Georgetown East
- Lothian
- Mills-Parole
- Nantucket
- Robinwood CC
- Severn
- Stanton CC
- Tracey's
- Tyler Heights

STAIR Tutoring Sites 2020-2021



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| Stanton Community Center (est. 2006) | Georgetown East Elementary School (est. 2012) |
| Tyler Heights Elementary School (est. 2009) | Germantown Elementary School (est. 2014) |
| Eastport Community Center (est. 2009) | Mills-Parole Elementary School (est. 2014) |
| Robinwood Community Center (est. 2010) | |

STAIR Annapolis Schools

- *STAIR Annapolis* students are selected by AACPS reading specialists and permission must be given by parents/caregivers
 - *STAIR Annapolis* serves many Title I schools in Anne Arundel County
- Eastport Elementary
 - Edgewater Elementary
 - Germantown Elementary
 - Georgetown East Elementary
 - Lothian Elementary
 - Mills-Parole Elementary
 - Nantucket Elementary
 - Hillsmere Elementary
 - Severn Elementary
 - Annapolis Elementary
 - Tracey's Elementary
 - Tyler Heights Elementary

STAIR Calendar

- STAIR will follow our online calendar <https://stairannapolis.org/new-events/calendar/> as well as send out e-mail reminders for Fall and Spring workshops
- STAIR follows the Anne Arundel County Public School calendar for holidays and days off. If there is a half day on a day when STAIR meets, then there will be no STAIR

Important Info for Tutors

- No personal relationships outside STAIR
 - STAIR insurance covers volunteers ON SITE
 - What we do for one student we do for all
 - Your time is the the most valuable gift
- Remember to put away cell phones
- Remember no sitting on laps, touching faces, or smoking on school campus
- **New!* See Volunteer Dashboard for answers to FAQ

Sexual Harassment and Abuse Video

- AACPS requires all volunteers to watch the 11-minute Sexual Harassment and Abuse Video and submit a signed form before STAIR begins-
**New! See Dashboard to complete*

Remember a change in student behavior may signal:

- Bullying in school or on the bus
- A problem at home
- Difficulty with a transition

*The Tutor's responsibility is to talk to the Site Coordinator. The Site Coordinator will communicate with the staff, and the staff will reach out to the school

AACPS Background Check

- AACPS requires all non-fingerprinted volunteers to complete an online background check every 2 years. All tutors must submit verification that they have completed their background check 3 weeks before the start of STAIR. **New! See Dashboard to submit background verification*

- All Site Coordinators and Co-ordinators have been fingerprinted



Start The Adventure In Reading
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Thank you for being a STAIR Volunteer!