



Grinnell Education Partnership Highlights

Fall 2014	➤ Stakeholders Agree to Join National Campaign for Grade Level Reading (GLR)	Grinnell-Newburg School District (GNSD), Grinnell College, and Greater Poweshiek Community Foundation convene a meeting to present the National Grade Level Reading program to twenty-eight Grinnell stakeholders. A letter of intent to join the National Campaign is submitted after unanimous approval.
	➤ GLR Accepts Grinnell	Grinnell community accepted into the National Campaign for Grade Level Reading.
Spring 2015	➤ First Action Planning Meeting	Grinnell’s first action planning meeting with community stakeholders to discuss fifth grade level reading needs.
	➤ Planning Meeting Continues	Action planning meeting continues with Grinnell stakeholders.
Summer 2015	➤ Grinnell Awarded AmeriCorps Grant	Grinnell College receives their first AmeriCorps grant.
	➤ Grinnell Education Partnership (GEP) Named	Locally, the Grade Level Reading project named the Grinnell Education Partnership (GEP).
Fall 2015	➤ First AmeriCorps Members Placed	Four AmeriCorps Taskforce Members, enrolled in the focus areas of healthy readers, summer learning, after-school enrichment, and skills gap, launch pilot projects working with businesses, community groups, and parents.
	➤ Charitable Fund Established	The Grinnell Education Partnership charitable fund is established at Greater Poweshiek Community Foundation to accept private gifts and grants for GEP task force activities.
	➤ Stakeholders Finalize Action Plan	Community stakeholder meeting held to finalize action plan information.
Winter 2015	➤ Community Solutions Action Plan Submitted	Grinnell team submits Community Solutions Action Plan to the National Campaign for Grade Level Reading.
Spring 2016	➤ More AmeriCorps Members Enrolled	Four AmeriCorps Taskforce Members, enrolled in the focus areas of volunteer infrastructure, school readiness, attendance, and family/community engagement, launch community education projects.
	➤ GEP Community Meeting	Community meeting held to provide Grade Level Reading project updates.
	➤ Attendance Awareness Taskforce Kicks Off	Attendance Awareness Task Force kicks off Attendance Awareness Month in partnership with parents, businesses, and GNSD.
Summer 2016	➤ AmeriCorps Team of 21 Supports Summer Learning	Twenty-one AmeriCorps Members placed across the community to support summer learning efforts.
	➤ Grinnell Awarded Second AmeriCorps Grant	Grinnell College receives a second year of AmeriCorps funding to support Grinnell Education Partnership activities, task force groups, and summer learning.
Fall 2016	➤ “Leave It Better Than You Found It” Award Recipient	The Grinnell Education Partnership receives the Claude W. and Dolly Ahrens Foundation’s “Leave It Better Than You Found It” award.
	➤ Attendance Coordinator Returns For Second Term	AmeriCorps Member, Doug Cameron, serves a second term as the Attendance Taskforce Coordinator.
	➤ Taskforce Groups Convene	A meeting held with all the task force groups and AmeriCorps Members to provide an update about the GEP project and brainstorm about future task force activities.
Spring 2017	➤ Four AmeriCorps Members Join Taskforce Teams	Four AmeriCorps Taskforce Members, placed in the areas of after-school enrichment, skills gap, summer learning, and volunteer infrastructure, lead taskforce groups and pilot projects.
	➤ Taskforce Groups Convene	All task force groups meet together to provide an update on their activities, look for ways to coordinate, and review the action planning document.
Summer 2017	➤ Summer AmeriCorps Cohort Begins	Thirty-nine AmeriCorps Members placed across the community to support summer learning programs.
	➤ Grinnell Awarded AmeriCorps Grants	Grinnell College receives two AmeriCorps grants to support summer learning and other community education priorities.
Fall 2017	➤ GNSD Hires Full Time Attendance Liaison & Behavior Interventionist	GNSD hires a full-time Attendance Liaison and Behavior Interventionist.
	➤ AmeriCorps Members Enrolled to Support After-School Enrichment	Three AmeriCorps Members enrolled to support after-school enrichment.
Winter 2017	➤ GEP Participates in Evaluation through Northwestern University	GEP participates in an evaluation study of project activities through Northwestern University.
Spring 2018	➤ AmeriCorps Member Enrolled for Healthy Readers Focus	New AmeriCorps Taskforce Member joins to lead healthy readers focus area.
Summer 2018	➤ Summer AmeriCorps Cohort Starts	Thirty four AmeriCorps Members placed in five sites across the community to support summer learning efforts.
	➤ Grinnell Receives AmeriCorps Grant	Grinnell College receives a fourth year of AmeriCorps funding to support Grinnell Education Partnership activities, task force groups, and summer learning.
	➤ Grinnell Receives GLR National Awards	Five Grinnell community members inducted into the National Campaign for Grade Level Reading “Council of Champions” (Doug Cameron, Chad Nath, Karen Neal, Julie Gosselink and Sarah Seney). The GEP also receives a “Pacesetter Award” for program activities to date and the Grinnell community is recognized as a Grade Level Reading “Bright Spot” by the National Campaign.
Fall 2018	➤ AmeriCorps Collaboration with Iowa Campus Compact	Between Grinnell College and Iowa Campus Compact, more than thirty-three Summer Learning Corps Members support summer learning programs across Grinnell.
	➤ AmeriCorps Members Enrolled to Support After-School Enrichment	Two AmeriCorps Members enrolled to support after-school enrichment.
Winter 2018-19	➤ AmeriCorps Taskforce Members Start	Two AmeriCorps Members enrolled to lead community engagement and healthy readers focus areas.

Key:
Red –Program action, recognition, awards
Blue – Community involvement
Green - AmeriCorps