



# Literacy in San Bernardino County

69% of San Bernardino County 3rd graders do not meet new California English language arts/literacy standards and 32 million adults nationwide can't read. Literacy has a direct impact on elements of a community, especially jobs and the economy, education, public safety and wellness. **Vision2Read** is a campaign designed to help improve literacy throughout San Bernardino County by connecting people to literacy programs. To learn more, visit [www.vision2read.com](http://www.vision2read.com) today where people of all ages can find literacy programs as students or volunteers.

## Take the Right Path

### Reading Matters



#### Growth

Songs and rhymes with action and touch stimulates a baby's brain.



#### Songs

Singing can teach children new vocabulary words.

(Too Small To Fail Blog)



### Parents

When parents read to their children, it increases their vocabulary, develops a love for reading, improves academic performance, and increases lifetime learning. (Read with a Child Reading Foundation)



Have books and magazines around the house.



### Milestone

Those who are proficient in reading by the end of 3rd grade are much more likely to graduate from high school, and to be economically successful adults.

(Annie E. Casey Foundation)



### Good Outcomes...

To participate fully in society and the workplace in 2020, citizens will need powerful literacy abilities that until now have been achieved by only a small percentage of the population.

(National Council on Teachers of English Standards for the English Language Arts)



Children who have not developed some basic literacy skills by the time they enter school are 3-4 times more likely to drop out in later years.

(U.S. Department of Education)

### \$2 billion

More than \$2 billion is spent each year on students who repeat a grade because they have reading problems.

(U.S. Department of Health and Human Services)

Annual cost of low literacy is **\$80 billion** in low productivity, and **\$225 billion** in unemployment benefits, lost taxes, and crime.

(Literacy Partners)



### Student Literacy

31% of 3rd-grade students in San Bernardino County met or exceeded the new English language arts/literacy standards on the 2015 California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress test, compared to 38% statewide and 33% in Riverside County.



### When children don't read...



**85% | 70%**



85% of all juveniles who interface with the juvenile court system are functionally illiterate, and over 70% of inmates in America's prisons cannot read above a fourth grade level. (U.S. Department of Justice)

**1/5** ?

One-fifth of high school graduates can't read their diplomas.

(U.S. Department of Justice)

50% of the nation's unemployed youth age 16-21 are functionally illiterate, with virtually no prospects of obtaining good jobs.

(U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services)

