

BECOME A MENTOR WITH REAL MEN READ



It takes just one hour, once a month, to make an impact.

WHAT IS HOUSTON REAL MEN READ?

Houston Real Men Read, chaired by Texas Sen. Rodney Ellis and spearheaded by former HISD Board Trustee Paula M. Harris, is a mentoring program in which gentlemen from the Houston community commit one hour of their time, once a month, to read to third-grade students and hold discussions that build comprehension.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

The mentor will sign up at a participating school. The commitment is **one hour, once a month** in **November, December, January, February, and May** of this school year.

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE?

This program reinforces three fundamental principles:

- **Reading is fun.**
- **The community cares.**
- **A commitment to education can ensure success.**

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It was once again a great time. I was very excited to be able to read with the kids. They excite me with their hunger to learn and read.

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Barry Shaw | MENTor |
Foster Elementary

WHO IS PARTICIPATING?

Volunteers comprise a multitude of business and community members from across greater Houston.

HOW DO I GET INVOLVED?

Register on [Connect4Literacy.org](https://connect4literacy.org), making sure to check the box to agree to a background check. Search for a school with Real Men Read Volunteer Opportunities and sign up.

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Real Men Read is my connection to the future. When I read to the kids, I can see through their eyes and ears into the future I once could see as a child – and it is a wondrous feeling.

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William Turney | MENTor | Askew Elementary