

"This program inspired my son to read more and explore his passion for science. The impact on students is real."
—Carolina Gallardo, Parent

"Visiting NASA JPL was one of the coolest things I did all year. Seeing Mission Control made me think, 'That would be a really fun job.'"
—Ryan Melendez, 8th Grader

From Lift-Off to Splashdown

The Impact of the S.T.E.A.M. Race to Space Reading Challenge

The S.T.E.A.M. Race to Space Reading Challenge Turns Literacy Into a Launchpad. By pairing great books with science, technology, engineering, art, and math, students don't just read more, they explore big ideas, build confidence, and begin to see themselves as future problem-solvers.

Blasting off into its fifth year, the S.T.E.A.M. Race to Space Reading Challenge is expanding its reach and deepening its impact. More schools, more students, and more mission-driven partners are coming together around one powerful truth: when literacy and S.T.E.A.M. connect, **students begin to see new possibilities for themselves and imagine bigger futures.**

Why It Matters

Behind every number is a student discovering a new favorite book, a family building lasting reading habits, and an educator helping curiosity take root. The S.T.E.A.M. Race to Space Reading Challenge isn't about competition. It's about access, confidence, and helping young learners recognize what's possible for themselves.

Looking Ahead

Preparing for the next launch, we're excited to grow this mission alongside teachers, educators, and librarians who bring reading to life. We're also grateful to collaborate with book publishers, literary agents, mission-driven partners, sponsors, PTAs, and community leaders who believe in the power of literacy and S.T.E.A.M. working together.

Mission Timeline | 2026 Reading Challenge



Registration Opens: September 4



Race to Space Day Event: September 19



Reading Challenge: September 25 – October 16



Live Splashdown Celebration: Saturday, November 14

"Talking with Dr. George Nield about his Blue Origin flight was an incredible experience. Hearing his journey showed me you should never give up on your dream."
—Dee Martinez Freshman

Our Vision

A world where every young learner has the opportunity and confidence to change the future.

Mission Impact



156

Schools Participated

1,922

Students Enrolled

406,536

Minutes Read

717

Book Reviews Submitted

624

Reward Packages Earned



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