

Math Buddies Annual Report 2022-2023

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Three Math Buddies from AAUW are working in two City of Poughkeepsie Schools this year – this is one more than last year. There are also at least two non-AAUW members also serving as Math Buddies.

All three AAUW Math Buddies are greatly enjoying their experience. We receive positive feedback from the teachers we work with. The teacher that I work with, for example, tells me often how the students that I work with have improved, not only in their math abilities but also in their motivation and self-confidence.

We are still loosely connected to Literacy Connection which runs the successful Book Buddies program. They provide background checks regularly for our Buddies, at some cost to them. They are our link to the schools, provide materials occasionally, provide training for our Buddies and have an end-of-year event for the children involved in their programs along with the Buddies. AAUW Poughkeepsie makes an occasional donation to Literacy Connections from funds previously set aside for STEM for the services that they provide. I am the connection to Literacy Connections for this program

My plan is to attempt to recruit a few more Buddies for the next school year. I personally still find this volunteer activity extremely rewarding.