

Core5 and PowerUp: Guided Pathways to Pre- K–12 Literacy Success



Lexia® Core5® Reading and **Lexia® PowerUpLiteracy®** Adaptive Blended Learning programs are research-proven to help educators close students' literacy opportunity gaps. Multiple studies, including third-party and peer-reviewed studies, have demonstrated the efficacy of both programs.



Core5 helps educators accelerate the development of fundamental literacy skills for students of all abilities in grades pre-K–5.

Pre-K–K¹ students using Core5 achieved greater phonological awareness gains than students who didn't use the program.

Core5 students made significantly greater gains on sound blending and nonword reading tests.



Grade 1 students¹ identified as below average in reading ability accelerated reading gains with Core5. Core5 users' WRMT-III scores were **3.63 points higher on average** than the control group (equivalent to one month of additional progress).

Core5 helped students in grades 1 and 2¹ at a low-socioeconomic school enhance reading skills. Results showed significantly greater Total Test score gains on the Pearson GRADE, with a 0.53 effect size.

Grade 2 students¹ used Core5 to advance on DIBELS Next®, with **significantly greater gains** (0.23 effect size) than their peers. In addition,

27%

of Core5 students **advanced in Instructional Categories**, while students who did not use Core5 did not advance at all.





Core5 helped improve **third grade students**¹ aimsweb scores with **effective differentiated instruction** across reader profiles.

- Poor decoders improved from the 18th to 31st percentile in oral word reading fluency
- Poor comprehenders advanced from the 13th to 36th percentile in reading comprehension

Core5 helped **third grade students**¹ outpace peers on the HMH Reading Inventory in just **eight weeks** and Core5 students' reading gains were **4x greater** than gains made by the rest of the group.

Grade 3–5 students used Core5 to increase MAP reading scores by **1.42 points**¹. The following year, Core5 students earned **11 percentage points**¹ more than their peers.

K–5 students¹ using Core5 for special education were **2x as likely to earn proficient scores** on the NWEA MAP.

Core5 helped **K–5**¹ **Emergent Bilinguals** achieve reading gains **equal** to their native English-speaking peers.

For pre-K–5 students² who started the 2022–2023 school year two or more grade levels behind:

Core5 helped

41%

end the year working on-grade level or reaching grade-level benchmarks

54%

gained two or more grade levels in one year

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The district started using Lexia Core5 with our K-5 students a few years ago. We expanded to our 6-8 campuses the following year. The platform is easy to monitor and provides the supplemental support our students need. We love Lexia!”

– Alisa Gray, Director of Federal Programs & Curriculum, Sheridan School District, Arkansas



PowerUp is an intervention for students who need to gain reading proficiency in grades 6–12.

Students in sixth grade³ who used PowerUp scored significantly higher than other students after just one semester. PowerUp users were **1.48 times** more likely to move up a benchmark level on STAR Reading, and **scored 21 points higher** than their peers on the winter test.





PowerUp helped **sixth grade Emergent Bilinguals³** and other students reading below grade level **gain 26.7 points** on the TOSCRF2, while students who didn't use the program saw no gains.

Sixth, seventh, and eighth grade students³ made significant strides with PowerUp, improving **10 percentile points** on the Renaissance STAR Reading test. Higher scores were seen regardless of race.



Time in PowerUp helped **eighth grade students³** gain ELA skills. Every 10 minutes spent on task in the program correlated with a **3%–5% improvement** in the Reading or Writing portions of the state ELA test.

99% students in **grades 6–10³** who completed all three strands in PowerUp (Word Study, Grammar, Comprehension) scored **above the 40th percentile** on the MAP assessment.

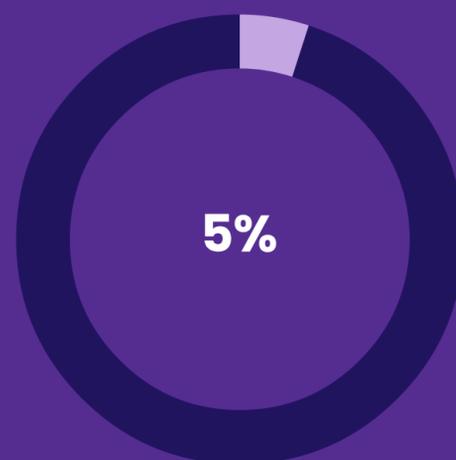


The percentage of students working on foundational skills skills **DROPPED BELOW 5%** in all strands of content by the end of the year

During school year
2022–2023 :

53%

of students who used PowerUp with fidelity covered 3+ grade levels of skills





I recommend both Lexia Core5 Reading and Lexia PowerUp Literacy as a K–12 blended learning solution because the programs engage students while tackling the fundamental skills they need. The computer-based programs offer differentiated instruction and substantial practice at the appropriate level for each student, and the just-right pencil-and-paper materials allow teachers to transfer those skills into the offline world. I’m very happy with our students’ progress—there’s no doubt, Lexia® makes an impact on their reading. Professionally, I’ve been using Lexia’s programs for 16 years, and I’ve looked at a lot of different vendors, but Lexia was always the best.”

— Lee-Ann Mertzlufft, Assistive Technology Specialist for Individuals With Disabilities, City School District of Albany, New York



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