



Data-Driven Leadership Drives Literacy Growth

Insights from Niles Middle School

When instructional decisions are grounded in data, educators can lead with confidence—not overwhelm.

At Niles Middle School in Ohio, Assistant Principal Leah Marsh adopted **Lexia® PowerUp Literacy®** to give teachers access to clear, real-time instructional data that supported smarter decisions in their classrooms.

By replacing clunky, time-consuming assessments with actionable reporting, Lexia helped teachers quickly understand student needs and adjust instruction in the moment. That visibility drove early buy-in—and lasting impact.

Marsh empowered teachers with both the data and the autonomy to use it, allowing them to integrate Lexia in ways that best supported their instructional goals.



The teachers figured out how it would work in their classrooms, and **the way they've implemented it has worked.**"



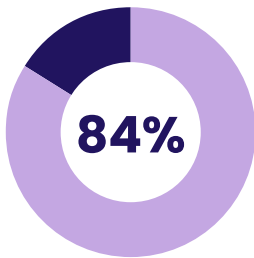
I love that Lexia has the skill builders and **shows areas where students need improvement...**our teachers can grab those and work with those individual students or at a small-group level."



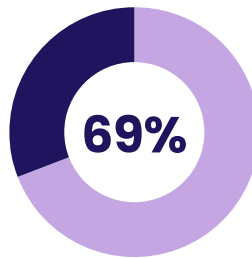


My best advice would be to allow your teachers to have a say in how they think it's going to work in their classroom. **If they feel supported on their leadership and decision-making, then they'll have ownership** of the program and the curriculum and they'll be invested in it, which will transfer on to the students and have them engaged and invested in their learning as well."

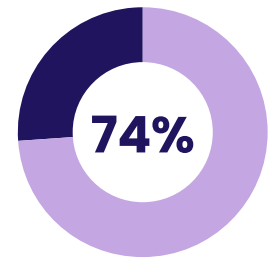
With data guiding instruction:



of students using PowerUp ended the year in the intermediate or advanced zones in Comprehension



reached intermediate or advanced skills in Grammar



reached intermediate or advanced skills in Word Study

With PowerUp, Niles Middle School's literacy success was driven by data that empowered both teachers and students—and built to scale over time.



Students engage in personalized learning experiences driven by their progress.



Teachers use real-time insights to adjust instruction with ease and flexibility.



Marsh and her team trust Lexia® for actionable data and ongoing support.

Lexia delivers real-time instructional data that helps teachers teach with confidence and leaders lead with clarity. By making student progress visible and actionable, Lexia supports data-driven decisions that drive sustainable literacy outcomes.

Learn how Lexia supports data-driven instructional leadership at lexialearning.com