

GRANITE UNITED WAY LITERACY INITIATIVE



Granite United Way's Literacy Initiative works to improve silent reading performance by partnering with local schools and after-school programs to provide a technology-based reading program. Over the past year it has proven to be a success across the state of New Hampshire.

25% of all NH students are performing off track

669 Students participated in the Literacy Initiative for one school year

325 of these students improved by 3 or more grade levels

HOW IT WORKS

Each participating student has his or her own login, and each lesson is designed based on the students' needs and progress. Because the program can be accessed anywhere an internet connection is available, students can work on it in school, at home, and at any other community location.

STRONG READING SKILLS CREATE STRONG COMMUNITIES

Strong reading skills are one of the best predictors of children's ultimate success in school and later life, with links to higher academic achievement, reduced rates of retention, and higher graduation rates.

Better educated communities are more likely to have individuals who live longer, healthier lives in financially stable households with more positive engagement to the community.

A SUCCESS IN MANY SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Many school districts in New Hampshire are taking advantage of the Literacy Initiative's benefits including Berlin, Candia, Manchester, Merrimack Valley, Salem, and Windham.



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