

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 6 years it has proven to be a success across the state of New Hampshire.

135 (61%) have improved by at least 1 grade level, with 25 of those students improving by more than 4 grade levels in less than 4 months.

192 (86%) students started the program 5 or more grades behind, and 65% have already seen improvements in their reading skills.

5 students have gone from "off track" to "on track" in reading during this time, with another 20 students just one level away from being "on track".

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 have taken advantage of the Literacy Initiative's benefits including Berlin, Candia, Manchester, Merrimack Valley, Salem, and Windham.



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