

CUSTOMER SPOTLIGHT

Waterford Graded School District students using DreamBox Reading with fidelity averaged 3.2+ reading level gains in the 2021-22 school year

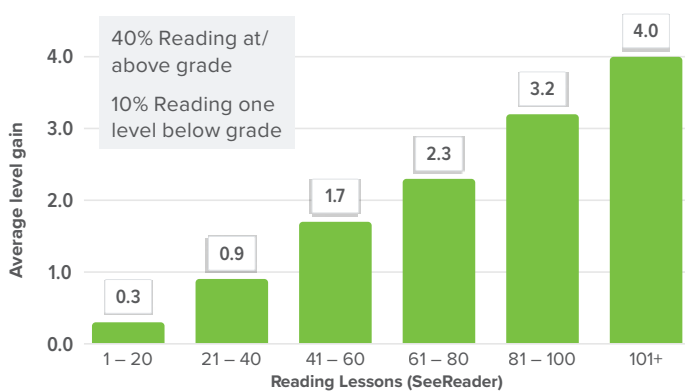
Waterford Graded School District, Wisconsin

Waterford Graded School District comprises three PK – 5 elementary schools and one 6 – 8 middle school. District educators strive to close the achievement gap (measured as on-track to graduation) and accelerate the academic growth of its students. One tool teachers use to achieve that goal is DreamBox Reading (formerly Reading Plus). DreamBox Reading continually collects student data and one of the most impressive features, according to educators, is SeeReader, where the program tracks a student’s independent reading rate. It then adapts to each student’s abilities, giving them the right lessons at the right time.

DreamBox Reading meets both needs for the district: student intervention and accelerated student enrichment. Jane Aegerter, Director of Student and Staff Services explains. “We use DreamBox Reading as a tool for closing achievement gaps in reading as well as a tool to promote academic growth in our most accelerated learners,” she says. “DreamBox Reading adapts to give students what they need to close gaps and accelerate growth.”

Here’s how it works. As an intervention tool, DreamBox Reading provides intervention for students who need help beyond the universal level in fluency, comprehension, vocabulary, stamina and even motivation. On the other hand, for gifted students, DreamBox Reading adapts to higher reading levels that challenge their abilities.

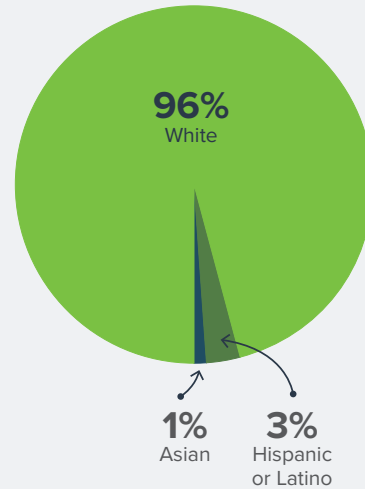
2021-2022: Waterford School District average reading level gains



Waterford Graded J1 School District

Total schools: 4
Grades served: Pre-K – 8
Total students: approximately 1,400

Student Demographics



Source: National Center for Education Statistics



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DreamBox recommends to educators that students complete 80+ DreamBox Reading lessons in a year to see the biggest gains. Students at Waterford Graded School District certainly grew in the 2021-22 school year. **Those who completed 80+ lessons grew an average of 3.2 reading levels. Additionally, those who completed 100+ lessons averaged 4.0 reading level gains.**

Aegerter knows that DreamBox is working because it does what it says it will when students use it the recommended amount. It even helps improve fluency when students can't complete the recommended lessons. “If you look at our data, students who have an opportunity to interact with DreamBox for the prescribed amount of time have made tremendous growth; up to five [reading] levels,” she says. “The students who are not able to interact with the program as much as we would hope are still seeing wonderful growth.”

DreamBox levels the playing field among the students. All groups, from below-level to accelerated students, use DreamBox Reading, and the results speak for themselves.

Along with the proven student growth, educators appreciate the professional development and availability of DreamBox representatives in implementing the program. “Working with DreamBox has been a dream, quite frankly,” says Aegerter. “[Reps] have supported our district by conducting both virtual and in-person training for our teachers several times. It’s not a one-and-done experience.” Ongoing professional development is in the works for fall to keep everyone up to date on the nuances, new features and to review last year’s data. All staff have embraced the value of DreamBox and are open to finding new ways to ensure students have the time and space to complete as many lessons as possible to reach their full potential.

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