

About the STARI Program

- The Strategic Adolescent Reading Intervention (STARI) is designed for middle school students who read two or more years below grade level.

Using research-based practices and highly engaging texts, STARI addresses gaps in **fluency, decoding, reading stamina, and reading comprehension**. STARI is aligned with the science of reading, as it addresses both word recognition and language comprehension.

- STARI is engaging and motivating. Students read and discuss high-interest, age appropriate, cognitively challenging texts.
- STARI is culturally responsive, honoring students' ideas and experiences, and maintaining high expectations for all students, even those who have struggled with reading in the past.
- STARI meets the needs of older struggling readers, including English learners and students with IEPs.

And most importantly - **STARI works!** Across multiple studies, STARI students have outperformed control students by more than a year's worth of growth on both the ReadBasix assessment and on state standardized tests.

About the STARI Study

Schools will be randomized to receive and implement STARI immediately or with a delay:

	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3
Immediate implementation schools	STARI Implementation and Support	STARI Implementation and Support	
Delayed implementation schools	Control Condition	Control Condition	STARI Implementation and Support

All schools commit to...

- Abide by randomization
- Administer ReadBasix in spring 25 and spring 26
- Participate in observations and interviews

During STARI Implementation and Support years, schools also commit to...

- Schedule STARI into the school day (45 min/day or equivalent)
- Assign eligible students to STARI
- Select teacher(s) to be trained

All schools will receive...

- Free access to ReadBasix assessment
- \$1000 stipend for schools
- Compensation for teachers

During STARI Implementation and Support years, schools also will receive...

- Free STARI curriculum materials (lesson plans, workbooks, literature)
- Free professional learning