

It's Time to Rebuild Reading for Middle School Students



By middle school, struggling readers often carry years of unfinished learning. Help them build the skills they missed, **from word recognition to comprehension**, and turn longstanding gaps into confidence.

THE CHALLENGE Reading gets harder and student needs become more diverse.



Middle School Reading Demands Become More Complex

- Academic vocabulary expands dramatically
- Text becomes denser across every subject
- Students are expected to learn through reading



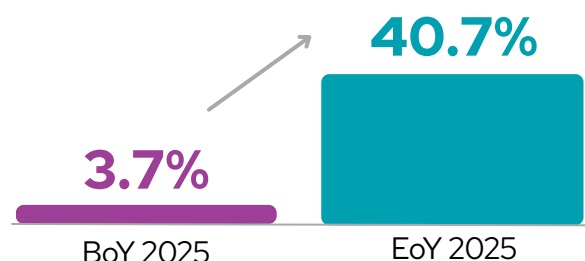
Reading Difficulties Don't Look the Same

- Some students struggle with multisyllabic word reading
- Others read accurately but slowly and without fluency
- Many can read the words but struggle to understand increasingly complex language and text

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Middle school decoding proficiency rose **37 points** in one semester.

[See the Full Case Study →](#)



*Performance on Diagnostic Decoding Survey, SY25-26



Diagnose the Barrier, Deliver the Right Instruction



No two struggling readers have the same needs. Effective intervention begins by identifying **which reading skills require support**, then delivering explicit instruction that targets those specific gaps.

Multisyllabic Word Reading & Decoding

When students struggle to read unfamiliar words accurately and efficiently.

- Strengthen advanced phonics and decoding
- Build automatic recognition of complex words
- Improve reading accuracy

Fluency & Reading Efficiency

When slow, effortful reading limits comprehension and impacts academic performance across subjects.

- Increase reading rate and accuracy
- Build automaticity with connected text
- Support confident oral reading

Academic Vocabulary & Language

When limited word knowledge prevents students from understanding grade-level text.

- Expand academic vocabulary
- Develop morphological awareness
- Strengthen language skills

Comprehension of Complex Text

When students can read the words but struggle to construct meaning.

- Develop comprehension strategies
- Support understanding of increasingly complex text
- Strengthen connections between language, vocabulary, and meaning



"Our reading scores have not only improved, but our students' behaviors and attitudes towards reading have also improved."

– Tracy Heal, M.Ed, LGISD

**Start Closing Middle School
Reading Gaps**

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