



How Waynesboro Increased Kindergarten Literacy Proficiency by 28%

A district-wide structured literacy approach strengthened Tier 1 instruction, improved K–2 proficiency and created more consistent foundational skills instruction across classrooms.

DISTRICT
Waynesboro SD, Pennsylvania

SCHOOLS
6

TEACHERS
298

STUDENTS
4,090

28%

kindergarten proficiency growth

24%

first-grade benchmark growth

12%

second-grade benchmark improvement

THE CHALLENGE

Waynesboro leaders recognized that balanced literacy practices were not consistently building foundational reading skills across K–2 classrooms.

As intervention staffing decreased, district leaders needed a stronger Tier 1 approach to prevent students from falling behind.

- ✦ Foundational skills instruction lacked consistency
- ✦ Balanced literacy practices were not closing gaps
- ✦ Too many students required intervention support
- ✦ Tier 1 instruction needed stronger alignment

WHAT THE WAYNESBORO DID

Science of Reading Alignment

Waynesboro implemented structured literacy routines across K–2 classrooms to strengthen phonics, decoding, and foundational reading instruction.

Professional Learning & Support

Teachers participated in professional learning focused on orthographic mapping, structured literacy, and consistent instructional routines across grade levels.

Data Visibility & Implementation

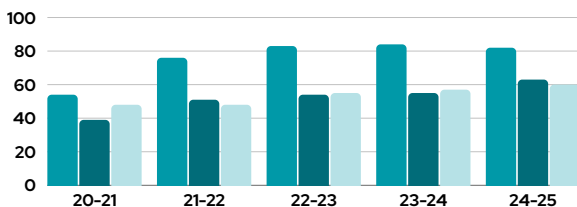
Teachers used student data, grouping tools, and shared instructional materials to target skill gaps and strengthen instructional alignment district-wide.

“We realized we couldn’t intervene our way out of the problem. This needed to be in the classroom.”

– Allison Beaudry, Ed. D, Federal Programs Coordinator, Waynesboro School District

KINDERGARTEN FOUNDATIONAL SKILLS GROWTH

● Kindergarten ● 1st Grade ● 2nd Grade



KEY OUTCOMES

- ✦ Kindergarten proficiency improved 28%
- ✦ First-grade benchmark scores increased 24%
- ✦ Second-grade benchmark performance improved from 48% to 60%
- ✦ District-wide Tier 1 instruction became more consistent and aligned