

Raising Reading Achievement

How Connecticut's New Haven Public Schools increased reading scores with HMH.



Reading scores for Connecticut's New Haven Public Schools had reached what officials called a “crisis.” This led the district to adopt several HMH literacy solutions in 2023, including *HMH Into Reading*, *¡Arriba la Lectura!*, *HMH Into Literature*, *Writable*, *Read 180*, and *NWEA MAP Growth* reading assessments. By the end of the 2023-2024 school year, K–12 students’ ELA proficiency scores had edged up from 22.1% to 23.4%.

“The data show we’re growing in all grade levels since implementing HMH,” says Keisha Redd-Hannans, assistant superintendent of curriculum instruction and assessment for the district. “Our students are on track to have more than one year’s growth and that’s exciting.” Keisha and fellow district leaders see this data as a harbinger of increased gains to come.

New Haven Public School District

SUMMARY

The New Haven Public School District serves grades PK-12. With a total of 37 schools, the district includes 21 preschools, 28 elementary schools, 28 middle schools, and 9 high schools.

LOCATION

New Haven, CT

SETTING

Urban

DISTRICT ENROLLMENT

19,150

MINORITY ENROLLMENT

90%

ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED

50%

STUDENT-TO-TEACHER RATIO

12:1

DISTRICT READING PROFICIENCY

23%

STATE READING PROFICIENCY

35%

HMH  Into Reading®

HMH  ¡Arriba la Lectura!™

HMH  Into Literature®

HMH  Writable

HMH  Read 180®

 GROWTH

CLEARING A PATH FOR CONTINUED GROWTH

Before New Haven implemented HMH literacy programs, students in the same grade could have been learning entirely different lessons from one school to the next. Now, everyone can access the same curriculum—whether it’s reading, writing, intervention, or assessment—in one place. Keisha says that she and fellow education leaders knew that in order to move students forward after years of stagnant reading scores, the district would need to provide a consistent curriculum for all grade levels.

“Everything is just in one neat package with HMH,” says Jennifer Tousignant, supervisor of elementary reading and language arts. “We can tie it with a bow, and it makes life much easier when other things in education are often not so easy.”

STEADY STUDENT PROGRESS

Kenneasha Srolely, principal at Conte West Hills Magnet School, has also noticed students feeling more confident since implementing HMH literacy programs. “To see the growth they’ve made from point A to point B, C, D—that does a lot for the students’ self-esteem and belief in themselves,” she says. “They set goals and now they can say, ‘This is attainable and I did this in a short amount of time. Look at what I’ve achieved.’” An increase in vocabulary has also been noted, “Students’ vocabulary has started to expand, their writing is improved, and so is teacher quality,” Keisha adds.

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36%

of students’ reading growth exceeded typical annual growth by 50% after one year with HMH literacy programs

50%

of students met annual learning expectations after one year with HMH literacy programs



THE PATH TO EXCELLENCE

Five years from now, Superintendent Madeline Negrón believes that New Haven educators will look back on how their whole community came together and rallied behind children. She refers to these five years as “the path to excellence.” “We’ll be able to see how far we’ve come,” she says. “But we’re not only going to speak about the numbers. We’re going to sit back and think about the lives that we impacted. Kids were seen, kids were heard, and kids knew that they belonged because we gave them a chance.”



Watch HMH literacy programs in action at New Haven Public School District.

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