

# 95 PHONICS CORE PROGRAM<sup>®</sup>



## 2022/2023 RESULTS - GRADE 3 - NEW YORK

### PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The 95 Phonics Core Program (PCP) brings classroom-ready, evidence-based phonics instruction to the literacy block. In 30 minutes a day, 95 PCP builds critical phonics skills through explicit instruction to develop strong readers, K-5. This study shows how explicit, systematic, and cumulative instruction reduces intervention needs.

### STUDY DETAILS

A selection of third-grade teachers across three schools used the 95 Phonics Core Program during the 2022-2023 school year. The Comparison group used the district-created curriculum.

#### CHANGES TO LITERACY TOOLKIT

##### TIER 1 INSTRUCTION

**Tier 1 Phonics: 95 Phonics Core Program, training, and coaching.**

**Tier 1 Knowledge: Wit & Wisdom**

##### SUPPLEMENTS & INTERVENTION

95 Percent Group Multisyllable Routine Cards and Phonics Lesson Library were used district-wide. A variety of other supplemental resources were available.

##### BENCHMARKING ASSESSMENTS

#### IXL DIAGNOSTIC

IXL Diagnostic Assessments for language arts were conducted at the beginning, middle, and end of the 2022-2023 school year.

##### SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENT

#### NY ELA STATE TEST

The New York English Language Arts (ELA) state test was given to all third graders in April 2023.

### SAMPLE DESCRIPTION

LOCATION: Upstate New York

GRADE: 3

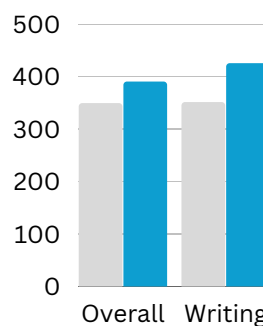
SIZE: 389 Students

DEMOGRAPHICS: 7% Hispanic | 22% Low Income | 12% SPED | 4% ELL

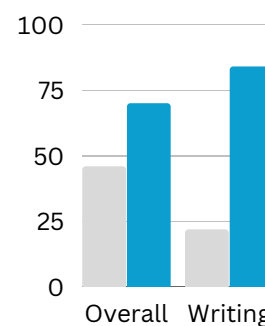
### KEY FINDINGS

Third graders from across the ability spectrum benefited from changing the ELA curriculum to a combination of 95 Phonics Core Program and Wit & Wisdom (the treatment group). In the IXL overall ELA assessment, students in the treatment group outperformed students in the control group. Analysis of subtests showed that the Writing Strategies subtest had the higher gains and spring scores, contributing to the overall score advantage.

IXL Spring Scores



IXL Fall-Spring Growth



● Comparison ● 95PCP

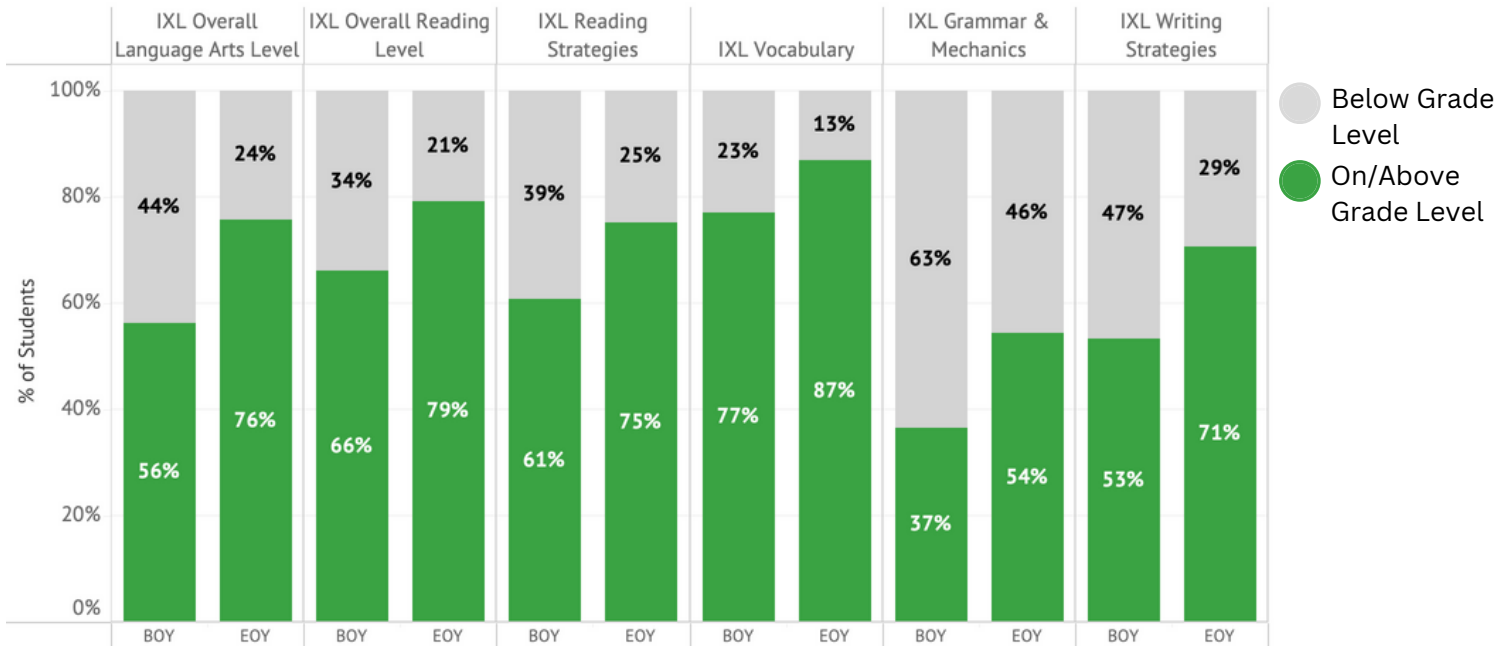
Treatment group grew more, controlling for associated variables:  
Overall ELA growth:  $F(1, 200) = 7.1, p < .001, \text{effect size} = .04$   
Writing growth:  $F(1, 191) = 12.5, p < .001, \text{effect size} = .06$

## 2022/2023 RESULTS - GRADE 3 - 95 PCP + WIT & WISDOM

Researchers examined proficiency rates using IXL assessment levels and state test scores for students using 95 Phonics Core Program with Wit & Wisdom. This information helps educators understand the kind of growth or performance to expect after one year of using these programs.

### IXL DIAGNOSTIC

Third graders using 95PCP and Wit & Wisdom showed meaningful growth on IXL Diagnostic Assessments, ending the year with more students working on or above grade levels.



### NY STATE TEST

Having more students reach and practice grade-level standards on IXL began to translate to the state test results, which was evidenced by a strong correlation between scores on both assessments ( $r=.73, p<.001$ ). The percent of students scoring Proficient on the ELA state test begins to increase in the 95PCP group from 2022 to 2023, while the comparison group begins to decrease, although this difference is not statistically significant.

