

# RESEARCH BRIEF

## Connect to Literacy: A Smart, Scalable Solution

*Evidence That Accelerates English Language Proficiency for Multilingual Learners*



### MLLs Grow Faster When Literacy & Language Are Developed Together

An independent 2025–26 evaluation of multilingual learners in one of the nation's largest urban school districts found that students participating in Connect to Literacy™ significantly improved English language proficiency across TELPAS Composite score and all four language domains.



### The Impact of Connect to Literacy™

Compared with matched peers, students using Connect to Literacy:

- Improved overall TELPAS proficiency.
- Reached Advanced or Advanced High on the TELPAS Composite.
- Made significant gains across all language domains:
  - Reading: +8.1 percentage points ( $p < .001$ )
  - Writing: +5.4 percentage points ( $p < .001$ )
  - Speaking: +4.2 percentage points ( $p < .001$ )
  - Listening: +1.7 percentage points ( $p < .001$ )

### 2025 and 2026 TELPAS Growth Scores

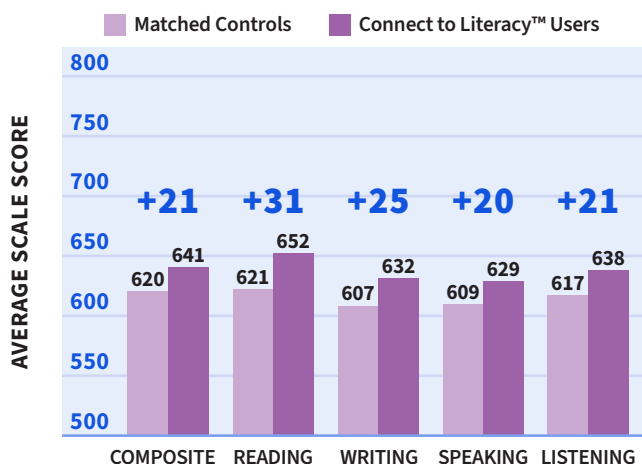


Positive findings were observed across nearly every student group and instructional setting evaluated.

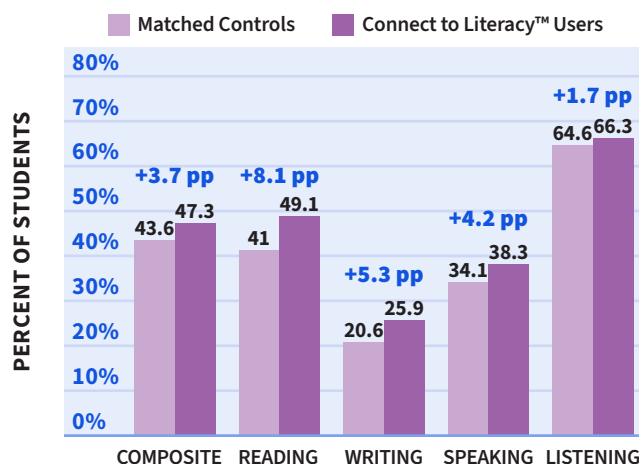
### Study Overview

- Outcome Measure: 2025 and 2026 TELPAS (Composite and Domains)
- Large-scale authentic district implementation: Frozen Analytic Sample: 18,158
- Independent quasi-experimental evaluation: Matched analytic sample: 15,569 pairs
- High-retention matched comparison design (95.7% of eligible treatment students)
- Meets WWC baseline-equivalence standards ( $SMD \leq 0.25$  benchmark)
- Supports ESSA Tier II (statistically significant positive effects -  $p < .001$ )

#### AVERAGE TELPAS SCALE SCORES ACROSS LANGUAGE DOMAINS



#### TELPAS ADVANCED/ADVANCED HIGH ATTAINMENT



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### ESSA Evidence

- Meets ESSA Tier 2 (Moderate Evidence)
- Independent high-retention quasi-experimental matched comparison study
- Statistically significant MAP Reading Projected Growth
- Science of Learning + Science of Reading + Second Language Acquisition foundation

### Connect to Literacy™

A literacy and language development solution built for multilingual learners, integrating structured literacy, academic language development, formative assessment, personalized learning, and teacher-supported implementation within a unified multilingual instructional system.

### Combined Funding Use

Connect to Literacy enables districts to braid Title I and Title III funding to accelerate academic reading growth while strengthening English language development through a single evidence-based instructional system.

### Title I & III Alignment

#### Title I Supported Uses

- Supplemental literacy intervention
- Evidence-based support
- Closing achievement gaps
- MTSS and RTI intervention
- Data-driven improvement

#### Title III Supported Uses

- English language acquisition
- Academic language development
- Professional learning tied to ELD
- Newcomer and long-term English learner supports
- Reclassification readiness

**See how districts are accelerating  
growth using Connect to Literacy™**

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