

# 95 PHONICS CORE PROGRAM™



## FALL 2021 RESULTS - GRADES K-2

### PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The 95 Phonics Core Program (95PCP) adds an explicit phonics strand to the daily Reading Block to ensure that all K-3 students receive consistent evidence- and research-based phonics instruction to improve outcomes. The program is designed to accommodate both in-person and remote learning.

### STUDY DETAILS

Schools in the district were paired by Spring 2021 ELA scores and then **randomly assigned** to treatment and control groups.

#### TIER 1 LITERACY CURRICULUM

Core: ReadyGEN

Supplemental:

- **95 Multisyllable Routine Cards**
- Reading A-Z
- Heggerty Bridge the Gap

CONTROL  
GROUP

#### CHANGES TO LITERACY TOOLKIT

Added: **95 Phonics Core Program**

Removed: ReadyGEN phonics strand

TREATMENT  
GROUP

#### ACADIENCE READING

Acadience Reading K-6 was conducted at the beginning and middle of the 2021-2022 school year.

ASSESSMENT

Analysis used a three-level hierarchical linear regression model, (students in classrooms) controlling for gender, ELL, and SPED. See the [executive summary](#) for more details.

### SCHOOL DESCRIPTION

LOCATION: Missouri

GRADES: K-2

SIZE: 3,327 Students

DEMOGRAPHICS: 75% White |  
23% Low Income | 9% ESL | 13% SPED

### COMPARING RESULTS

During Fall 2021, students using **95 Phonics Core Program** showed higher gains on **Acadience Reading** than the **control group** on multiple measures in each grade.

While [2014-15 study on ReadyGEN](#) showed growth for first graders on TerraNova assessments, it **did not have a control group** to provide ESSA-level evidence for any grades K-2.

Grade	ReadyGEN	95PCP
Kindergarten		
First		
Second		

No evidence Limited evidence Strong evidence



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## QUOTES FROM LITERACY COACHES

### READYGEN ONLY





*"There's not a whole lot of background [phonics] information for the teacher, and there's not a whole lot to pull from as far as like a script or anything like that. So when you think about like the Science of Reading and teaching students how to learn, how to read, it's kind of like figuring it out. So it's been a little bit of a struggle."*

### READYGEN + 95PCP

*"The Phonics Core Program has really been a great supplement because ReadyGEN was definitely lacking in [phonics] and it's what the kids and the teachers needed. That's been the missing link for sure."*

## RESULTS FROM RIGOROUS STATISTICAL MODELS

Models accounted for known differences that could impact outcomes (statistical controls).

-  **Classrooms**
-  **Gender, EL & SPED**
-  **SOR Training**
-  **BOY Benchmark Level**

**Adding 95 Phonics Core Program boosted gains for all grades.**

Grade	Gains on Composite	Gains on Subtests
Kindergarten	+	+
First	=	+
Second	+	+

[Download the executive summary](#) for all the details.



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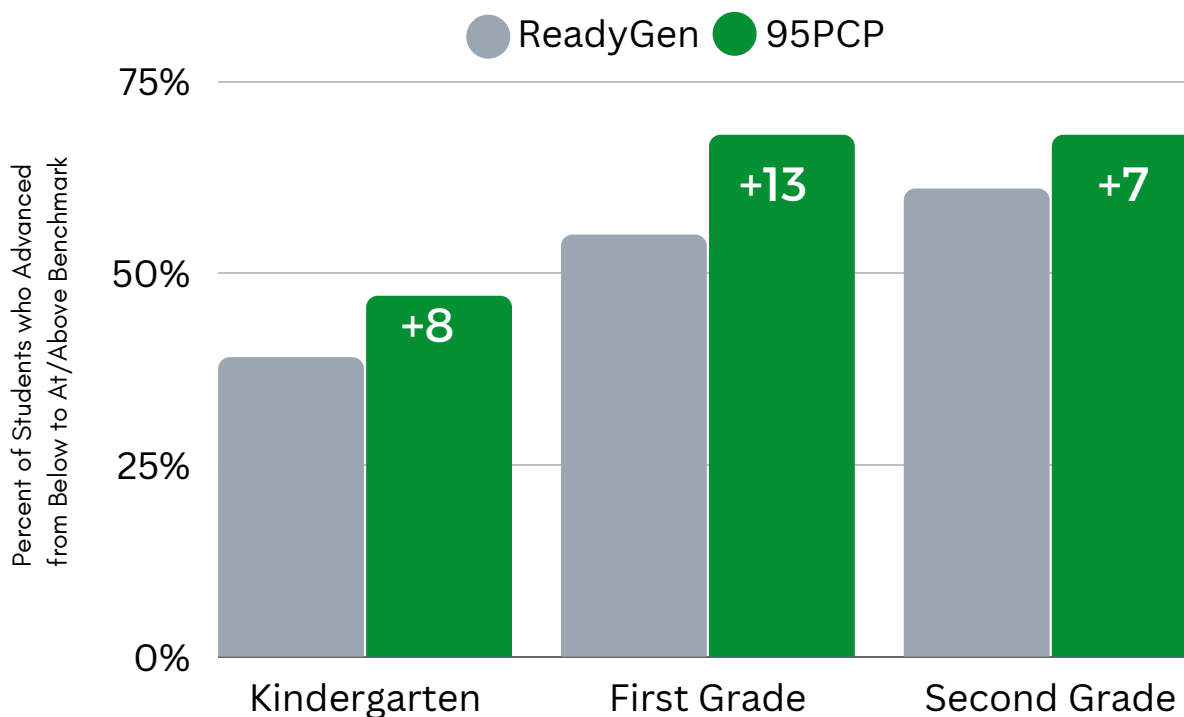


95PCP higher gains

## A CLOSER LOOK AT STUDENTS WHO WERE BELOW BENCHMARK IN FALL 2021

A strong Tier 1 phonics program benefits all students and may particularly benefit students who start the school year Below Benchmark on their literacy screener. These students may or may not qualify for Tier 2 supports; and therefore, not receive differentiated instructional time or materials due to resource constraints. Systematic, explicit instruction could help boost students who are Below Benchmark into At/Above Benchmark categories after just a few months of whole-group lessons. This page examines this group of students from each grade in the study.

**Results suggest that adding 95PCP to ReadyGen leads to a higher percentage of students advancing to At or Above Benchmark from Below Benchmark.**



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