

ESSA EVIDENCE TIER II

Amplify ELA Grades 6 & 7 students show significantly better reading outcomes across demographic subgroups

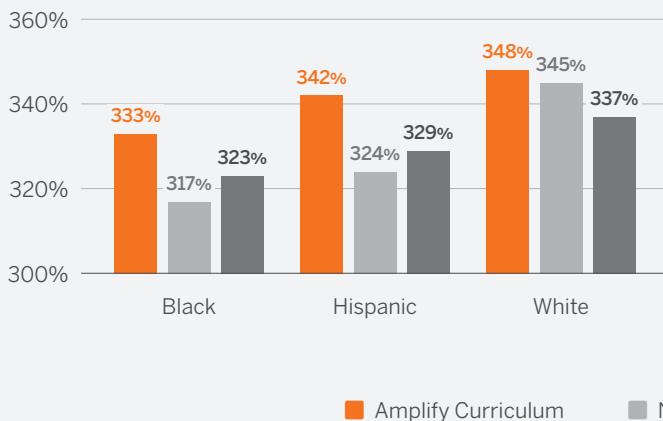
Amplify ELA is a 6–8 English Language Arts curriculum designed specifically for the middle grade student, based on extensive research into learning, cognition, and how students develop literacy skills.

During the 2016–2017 school year, we explored the effect of Amplify ELA on reading outcomes for students in Grade 6 and 7 in a large southeastern school district. The Amplify ELA curriculum had a statistically significant and positive effect on both cohorts' ELA state scale scores ($p < .01$).

Key findings from the study are listed below:

- District sixth and seventh graders who did not use the Amplify program were matched to students in the Amplify treatment group. (6th n=2,113; 7th n=1,898) using a propensity score method.
- Amplify ELA treatment effects for sixth and seventh grade students had effect sizes of 0.08–0.11 which, in the context of an education intervention, can be interpreted as a medium to large impact on student achievement.
- More importantly, analyses confirm that Amplify ELA shows evidence of efficacy for students from diverse backgrounds and across demographic subgroups. Regardless of race, students in the Amplify ELA program outperformed both their non-Amplify in-district peers and the overall state average scores on end-of-year state assessments.

2017–2018 Scale Scores Average by Ethnicity, Grade 7



2017–2018 Scale Scores Average by Ethnicity, Grade 8

