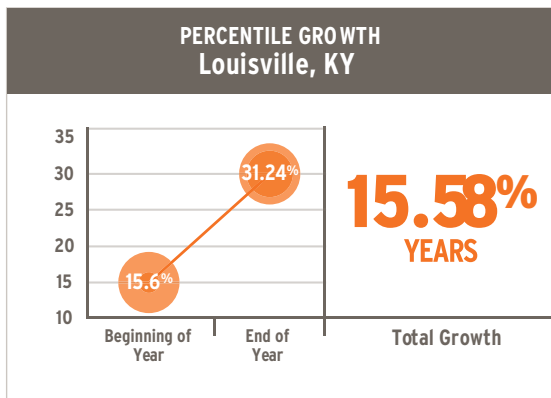
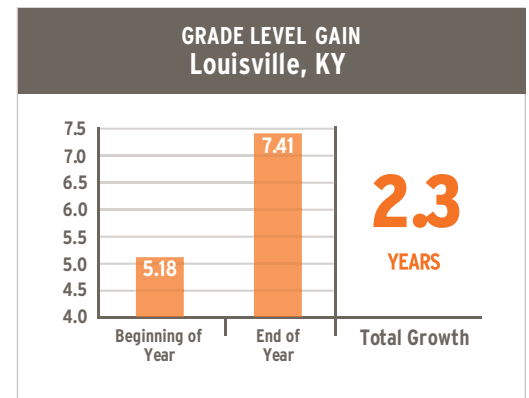


CHALLENGE

With many students in their high school reading well below grade level, administrators at Southern High School resolved to improve the literacy rate of their learners and increase students' engagement. After forming a Literacy Goal Team and researching different reading interventions, they discovered iLit to be the right solution to support their struggling readers.



**BASED ON
70 MINS
DAILY USE**



IMPLEMENTATION

Using School Improvement Grant funds during the 2013-2014 school year, iLit was implemented by Southern High School across all 9th grade English classes and all 10th grade English Special Education Resource classes.

“Since the iLit Program, I read a lot more. And I was at a 5th grade level. Now I’m at a 9th Grade [level].”

*9th Grade Student
Southern High School,
Jefferson County Public Schools*



AMAZING GAINS AFTER FIRST YEAR OF ILIT USE

Ninth graders at Southern High School who used iLit for 70 minutes a day achieved an average grade level of 2.3 years of reading growth measured by the GRADE™ assessment from the beginning to the end of the 2013-2014 school year.



DEMOGRAPHICS

- Large urban school district
- 101K student enrollment
- 59% free and reduced lunch
- 79% graduation rate
- 2.8% dropout rate
- 36.3% African-American
- 50.8% Caucasian
- 5.4% Hispanic/Latino
- 2.8% Asian

TESTIMONIAL

"I know that ILIT is working because slowly over time I see the confidence level in my students rise. When starting the program most of my students will not participate in reading aloud, or even open a book without prompts or cues. Slowly over time that changes and I have multiple students wanting to read aloud, and opening a book willingly. When you are a teacher and you're trying to help students become better readers your first goal is to always change their attitudes about reading, and give them the confidence they need in order to become better readers. iLIT is a program that helps me do that as a teacher."

Kelly Dearmond
Teacher, Southern High School, Jefferson County Public Schools

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