



New Haven READS

The RISE Program

Reading Intervention for Success Everyday



Recognizing that a small percentage of students have significant reading challenges that require a more intensive approach, New Haven Reads started RISE in partnership with Literacy How in the fall of 2020.

This program puts the very latest in scientific research into practice by providing a small number of selected NHR students with specialized tutoring in a Structured Literacy approach, that is, systematic, cumulative, explicit and diagnostic instruction.



Innovative Program

- Selected students in grades 3 to 5.
- NHR tutors who have received training in the Structured Literacy model.
- 3 times weekly for 30 weeks (October to May)
- The RISE model provides teaching strategies that support phonological awareness (breaking words orally into component parts) and systematic word identification/decoding to enable fluent reading.
- Core curriculum includes Whole Phonics and other decodable text.



Literacy How

- Literacy How is a nationally-recognized non-profit organization that provides training to teachers in the science and practice of reading instruction.
- Literacy How provides support and training for RISE tutors, as well as the assessment and monitoring of students.



Year 1 results were impressive

- Our 2020-21 pilot worked with 5 students and was delivered through Zoom over 30 weeks from October 2020 to May 2021.
- Students had phenomenal assessment results with **an average 40% overall improvement** in their test scores from October to May!
- The program is adaptive and individualized based on data; tutors conduct biweekly assessments to fine tune what is being taught



In Year 2, RISE will expand

- The 2021-22 program will be a mixture of in-person and online meetings three times weekly from October to May.
- We will increase RISE to 8 students and up to 20 other students will receive a modified version USING Structured Literacy techniques.



This program has been extraordinary...and has boosted my student's proficiency level and confidence in a profound way

- RISE Tutor



We have witnessed real breakthroughs with the RISE program. It has created new excitement about learning which has led to increased motivation and improved understanding.

- RISE Tutor

There is nothing harder as a parent than to see your child's spirit dim because of their lack of confidence at school. Michael's tutor has helped him find the confidence he needed to rekindle his light. With her support, Michael feels that not only can he be a reader, but that he can be successful at school

- RISE Parent

Impact after pilot year



- Based on students' average cumulative scores across four different literacy tests
- Students' overall scores on average **improved by 40%** between pre-tests and post-tests
- Individual improvements **ranged from 19% to 173%**