

Actively Learn: 2-3x improvement in growth on Iowa standardized test scores

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Score improvements over typical year on State Assessments

Annual Average Improvement	'16-'17 with Actively Learn Improvement	'16-'17 Max. Student Improvement	Assessment
2 points	4.5 points	n/a	MAP Reading Test
4%-8%	8-12%	22%*	Iowa Tests of Basic Skills - Vocabulary
4%-8%	7-12%	25%**	Iowa Tests of Basic Skills - Reading Comprehension

2-3x greater improvement when using Actively Learn!

* This student used the Vocabulary Lookup feature in Actively Learn heavily throughout the year.

** This student, when asked, stated that he really liked using Actively Learn because he could look up words, get feedback on his responses, and because "extra help" was given -- comments added to texts that helped establish prior knowledge.

% of students proficient in District exams over typical year

Annual Average Proficiency Rate	'16-'17 with Actively Learn Proficiency Rate	Assessment
80%	96%	District Writing Assessment/ Writing Standard W8.4
80%	95%	District Common Assessment - Theme
80%	92%	District Common Assessment - Inference
80%	87%	District Common Assessment - Central Idea

Student reflections on the benefits of Actively Learn

“I really like it when we use Actively Learn because I get immediate feedback on my responses, and learn better this way.”

“I hate asking questions in class...but I can ask my teacher questions through Actively Learn. This helps me a lot, and I think my reading and writing have really improved. I’m actually reading.”

“I like to read fast -- maybe too fast. With Actively Learn, I have to read everything! My responses have gotten much better because of this!”

“I really think my writing and reading have gotten better. I get more confident when my teacher gives me constant and consistent feedback as we use Actively Learn for reading. I used to hate writing!”

Student demographics

- 68 Eighth Grade Literacy students
- Of the 68, five students were given accommodations based on their IEPs/504 plans

Actively Learn usage

Actively Learn was used extensively over the course of the 2016-2017 school year to target Iowa state standards that addressed:

- Inference
- Central idea
- Theme
- Cohesive and coherent writing