



Exact Path More Than Twice as Effective in Accelerating Growth for Struggling Readers

Students identified as academically at risk for reading difficulties showed more than double the gains on NWEA® MAP® Growth™ assessments

A rigorous study examined the impact of Exact Path on reading achievement in Tulsa Public Schools, a large, diverse, urban district in Oklahoma, during the 2021–22 school year.

The study focused on students in grades K–6 who were academically at risk for reading difficulties as measured by the NWEA® MAP® Growth™ 20th percentile benchmark.

Over the course of the school year, students who used Exact Path were 60 percent more likely to move out of the at-risk category for reading difficulties than their peers. By the spring, K–6 students using Exact Path saw up to an eight-point increase on their MAP Growth percentile rank.

These results underscore Exact Path as a powerful, research-backed solution that helps educators drive meaningful reading gains, particularly among struggling students from various demographic backgrounds.

About this District

- 33,572 students
- Location: Tulsa, Oklahoma
- 74.83% economically disadvantaged

Study sample:

- 3,268 students
- Grades K–6

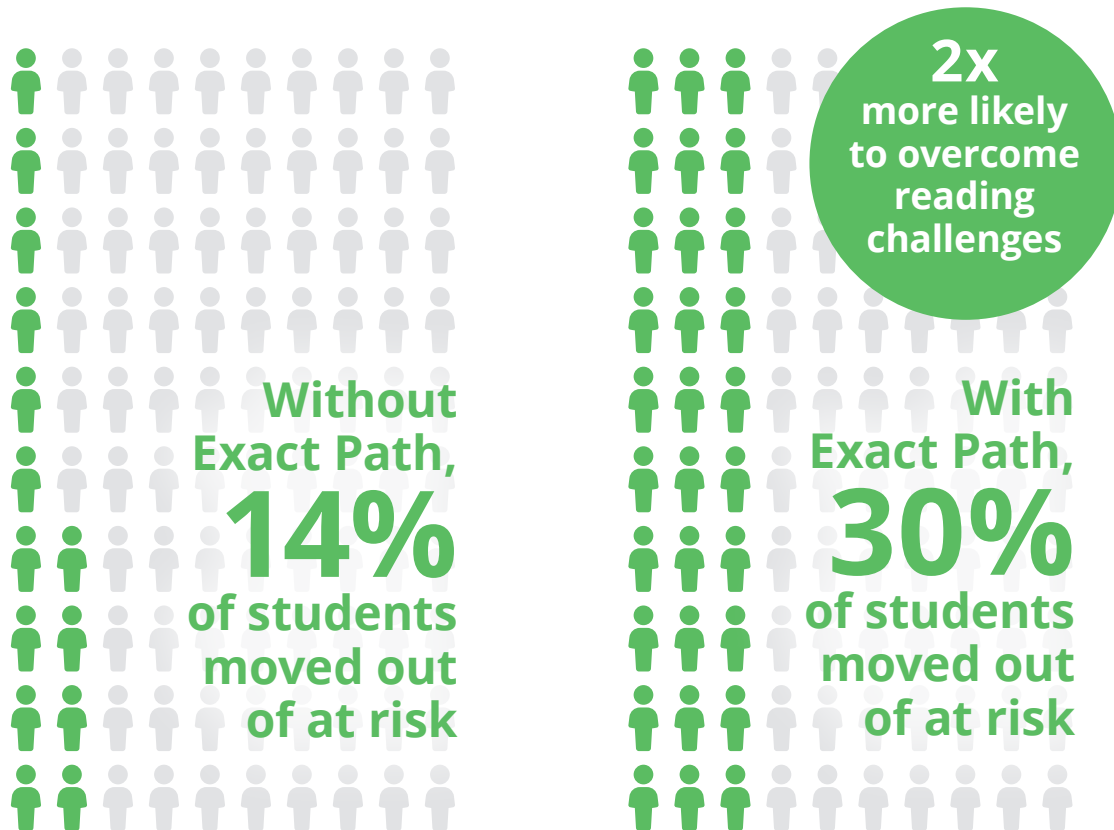
Outcome measure:

- NWEA® MAP® Growth™ Reading assessment

The quasi-experimental efficacy study meets the What Works Clearinghouse (WWC) 5.0 standards with reservations and ESSA criteria for moderate evidence (Tier 2).



Reading Achievement for Academically At-Risk Grade 1 Students



One powerful example from 1st grade shows students who used Exact Path were more than twice as likely to move out of the academically at-risk-for-reading-difficulties category as compared to their peers who did not use the program.

Significantly Improve Growth for All Students

This study adds to the growing body of research showing that Exact Path is a research-based solution designed to meet the needs of all learners—regardless of their demographic background or academic achievement level. When implemented with fidelity, Exact Path drives measurable gains in achievement across NWEA MAP Growth, Renaissance® Star®, and state assessment measures, underscoring Exact Path's ability to deliver meaningful impact on assessments that matter.