

Strategic Adolescent Reading Intervention

STARI is a *research-based* reading class designed to accelerate reading skills for middle school and high school students.

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What do students do in STARI class?

- ▶ **Read complete real books** (not just excerpts) that are age appropriate and focus on issues that are personally and socially relevant.
- ▶ **Engage in class discussion and debate** to build complex comprehension skills.
- ▶ **Learn and apply fluency, decoding, and comprehension skills** needed to successfully read grade-level texts in ELA and other core classes.

STARI helps students improve core reading skills.

- ▶ **Phonics and Decoding**
Students start with vowel sounds and progress to complex multi-syllable words.
- ▶ **Fluency**
Students improve their ability to read smoothly and quickly, while building stamina so they can stick with reading for longer periods of time.
- ▶ **Comprehension**
Students learn to make inferences, summarize key ideas, clarify confusing parts, and support their thinking with text evidence.
- ▶ **Vocabulary**
Students learn strategies to understand new words by connecting them to familiar words and using word parts like prefixes, suffixes, and base words.

Why STARI?

- ★ **STARI is engaging.**
Students love it! Students who have struggled with reading during elementary school may think it's boring or not for them. STARI builds core skills while engaging students with real books on topics that interest them.
- ★ **STARI works!**
In multiple research studies, STARI students outperformed non-STARI students on standardized reading tests.
- ★ **STARI was designed and tested in real classrooms.**
So STARI is not only research-based, it has been tested by real teachers and students.

Learn more at
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- Hear from teachers and students
- View STARI materials
- View research evidence that STARI works



AJ
8th Grade

STARI has actually helped me to become a better reader because, at the beginning of the year, I thought I wasn't much of a fluent reader. I kept pausing in the middle of reading a sentence. But the more I read, the more practice it took ... I just became better.



Jasmine
8th Grade

STARI has helped me become a better reader because talking with others and hearing the opinions of others can help me learn more about what I'm reading about.