

Strategies for Effective Literacy Intervention

When we set out to build intervention tools that teachers would use with fidelity, we let educator and expert insights and research drive what must underpin successful literacy intervention. We determined six pillars of effective literacy intervention:

1. Struggling readers must be identified as soon as possible;
2. Intervention must then be delivered as swiftly as possible;
3. Intervention must be customized to every learner and adapt with progress;
4. Instructional adaptation and progress monitoring must be automated so that teachers can stay focused on core literacy blocks and instruction;
5. Data must be frequent, meaningful and actionable;
6. Teachers must remain in the equation, capable of observing and responding to readers in real time.

Needle-moving and future-protecting intervention cannot forgo human interaction. Technology, with its capacity to deliver rapid data, can't stand in the way of the educator-student relationship. Instead, it must enhance it and guide ongoing, tailored support.

We simply cannot let our young, struggling readers watch their futures slip away when research-based, teacher-tested literacy intervention has the ability to keep their days ahead bright.