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Strategic Adolescent
Reading Intervention

STARI is a literature-focused, Tier II intervention for students in grades 6-9 who are reading 2-4 years below grade level.

Using research-based practices and highly engaging texts, STARI addresses gaps in fluency, decoding, reading stamina, and reading comprehension, aiming to move struggling students to higher levels of proficiency at the end of one year. STARI actively engages students in discussions of cognitively challenging content aligned to 21st century standards.

STARI IS BUILT AROUND KEY RESEARCH FINDINGS:

- Adolescent struggling readers need to work on both basic reading skills and the skills that underlie deep comprehension.
- Texts need to engage students with issues in their lives and in the world.
- Peer talk about text can develop reading engagement, perspective-taking, and critical reading.

STARI is aligned with the science of reading and has demonstrated strong evidence of effectiveness (ESSA TIER 1). In randomized clinical studies, STARI students demonstrated more than a year's worth of growth above and beyond the growth demonstrated by students in other interventions.

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.

Jasmine, 8th Grade

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The STARI curriculum consists of three series addressing similar reading needs, but the series 2 and 3 topics and reading materials are increasingly sophisticated. Each series includes three units, with each unit's lesson plans written for approximately 40 instructional days.

Each unit includes:

- a **full-length novel and a selection of poetry, short stories, and/or nonfiction** to expose students to realistic reading demands for secondary school;
- **leveled fluency passages** to develop reading rate and stamina and build background knowledge;
- **daily lesson plans** that help teachers deliver effective mini-lessons and lead guided reading discussion;
- **student workbooks** to guide student discussion about text;
- **debate(s)** and frequent opportunities for peer talk to develop engagement, perspective-taking, and critical reading; and
- **comprehension and decoding mini-lessons** to build foundational skills.



Series 1 (~6th grade)



Series 2 (~7th grade)



Series 3 (~8-9th grade)

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STARI Professional Learning Series

Flexible online professional development that prepares educators to launch and use STARI through a year-long sequence of sessions exploring STARI practices and implementation

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