

# ORAL LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY IS THE FOUNDATION FOR SUCCESS

## But Do Students Understand Their Teacher?

### GrapeSEED Empowers Children to Overcome Language Barriers

GrapeSEED is an innovative language acquisition and critical listening program based on the principles of natural language development. Research-based, it closes the achievement gap in school language more quickly. Oral language proficiency is the foundation for academic success, providing a bridge to reading and writing for English Learning (EL) and English Language Proficiency (ELP) students.

### What Makes GrapeSEED Different?

1. Interactive, conversational, natural language acquisition
2. Focused application of the scientific research on practice and repetition
3. Aligned with learning sciences\*—Vertical Phonics, Functional-Notional Learning, Neuroscience of Language Learning, Social-Emotional Development
4. Extensive professional education, mentoring and onsite support services to teachers and principals are included in the program

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#### BENEFITS FOR EDUCATORS

- + Remarkable student engagement accelerates learning and confidence
- + Highly significant growth in all areas of language development
- + Accelerate academic progress for “at-risk”

#### BENEFITS FOR CHILDREN

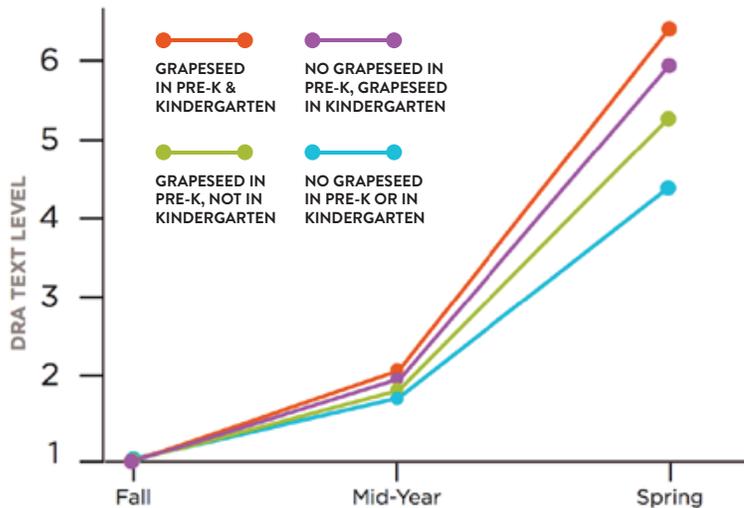
- + Fun, interactive lessons improve student confidence
- + Builds academic language comprehension
- + Creates a pathway for success
- + Puts joy back in learning

# BACKED BY RESEARCH.

Independent studies conducted by Oakland University provide clear evidence of GrapeSEED's success.

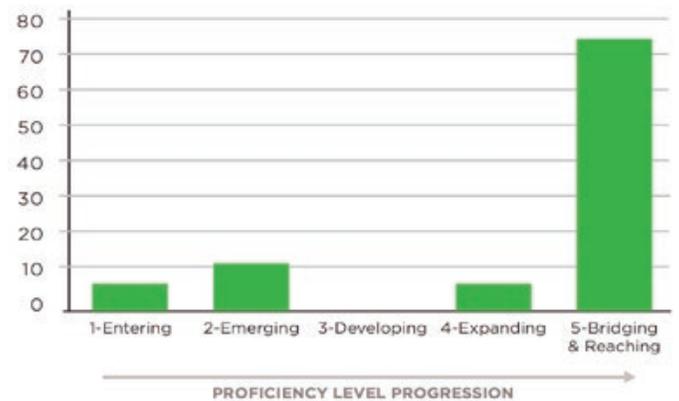
# PROVEN SUCCESS.

## Developmental Reading Assessment (DRA) Performance



## World-Class Instructional Design and Assessment (WIDA): EL K-2

75% of EL students reached reading proficiency by 2nd grade, in half the time of the national average.



## What does the research say?

- + Significant gains helped move students out of “at-risk” status
- + EL students reached grade level reading proficiency in half the time as the national average
- + Accelerated growth in language development and literacy
- + Gains in all student subgroups, not just “at-risk” populations
- + Dose effect—the more GrapeSEED is used, the better the results



“I have not seen another tool that engages students as fully as this program, while growing language skills. The students learn how to speak in complete sentences, have polite conversations, and are able to choose extension activities related to the learning in GrapeSEED.”

—Darla Campbell,  
Principal, Berrien Springs



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