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Schools Across North America Celebrated for Literacy Achievement

2024 Read Live School of the Year Awards

Lake City, SC / Del Rey, CA / Goodyear, AZ / Washington Court House, OH / Various Locations —

Schools across North America have been recognized in the 2024 Read Live School of the Year awards for their effective use of Read Naturally's Read Live program to achieve significant gains in student literacy. Celebrating these schools aims to unite communities around educational success.

This year's awards spotlight a variety of schools that have excelled at using the Read Live program to enhance literacy in both English and Spanish, meet diverse student needs, build students' self-confidence in reading, and demonstrate measurable gains on assessments and standardized tests.

Winner: Main Street Elementary (Lake City, SC)

Main Street Elementary has achieved significant literacy advancements through their dedicated use of Read Live, increasing the percentage of students reading at grade level from 19% to 46.8% within one school year. This success is exemplified by the transformation of a student, Jay, who evolved from self-doubt to confidence in his reading abilities.

Runners-Up: Del Rey Elementary (Del Rey, CA), Estrella Mountain Elementary (Goodyear, AZ), Miami Trace Elementary (Washington Court House, OH)

At Del Rey Elementary, integrating Read Live into the dual language program has significantly boosted student performance on ELPAC and CAASPP assessments. This approach has turned struggles into successes, particularly for a student, Lala, who moved from special education due to low reading skills in first grade to testing in the top ten of her class in reading by sixth grade.

Estrella Mountain Elementary's community-driven Read Live Lab has established a district-wide standard for educational excellence and collaboration. Teachers report that, thanks to Read Live, Estrella is leading its district in many ELA standards this year.

Miami Trace Elementary School has sustained significant growth in reading fluency and comprehension over the past decade, and even throughout the pandemic, through its implementation of Read Live. With increased confidence in their reading skills and access to high-interest texts, students who previously struggled with learning to read are now excited about reading to learn.

Honorable Mentions:

Additional schools acknowledged for their outstanding efforts include North Dickenson County School (Felch, MI), Lower Dauphin Middle School (Hummelstown, PA), Annie L. Gaetz Elementary School (Red Deer, Alberta), Hamilton Elementary School (Moline, IL), and Almond Grove Elementary School (Oakley, CA). Each has utilized Read Live to improve literacy outcomes and address diverse needs.

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About Read Naturally:

Read Naturally's research-based programs provide interventions and differentiated instruction for developing and struggling readers of all ages. Since its founding in 1991, Read Naturally has established itself as a pioneer in the industry and has developed a variety of programs targeting the essential components of reading instruction.