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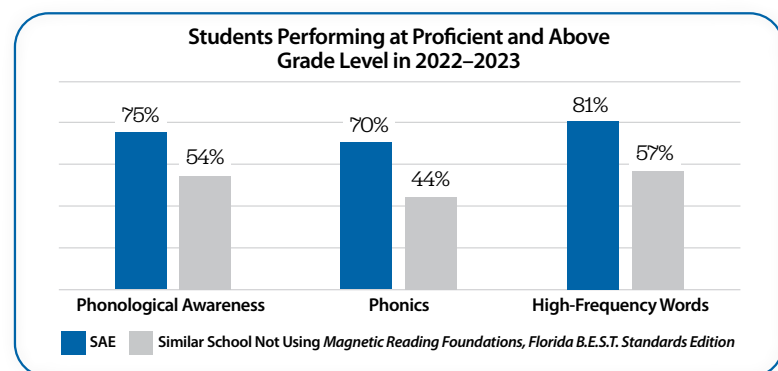
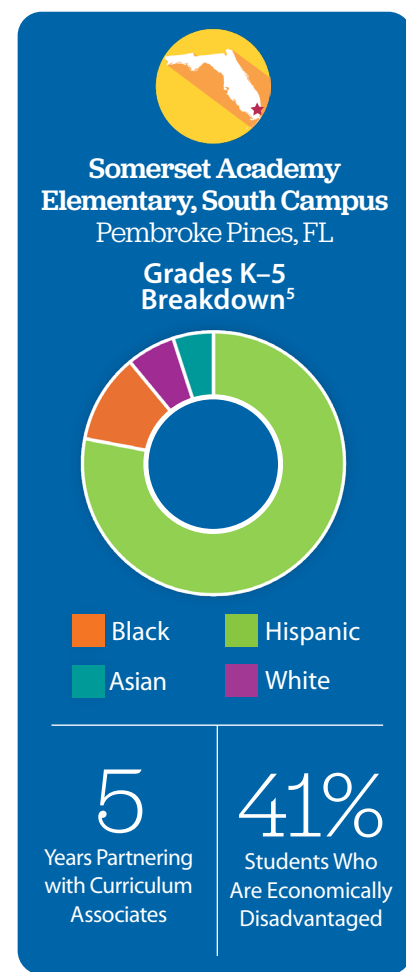
Magnetic Reading Foundations, Florida B.E.S.T. Standards Edition Is the Cornerstone to Building Fluent Readers at Somerset Academy Elementary, South Campus

Somerset Academy Elementary, South Campus (SAE) in Broward County is putting the Science of Reading into practice in Grades K–2 by using *Magnetic Reading Foundations, Florida B.E.S.T. Standards Edition*, a comprehensive foundational skills program that provides explicit, systematic instruction proven to move students from foundational skills to reading fluency.¹ Customized specifically for Florida, *Magnetic Reading Foundations, Florida B.E.S.T. Standards Edition* lessons align to Florida's Benchmarks for Excellent Student Thinking (B.E.S.T.) Standards.²

Located in Pembroke Pines—a charming mid-sized South Florida city bordered to the west by the Everglades and known for its lush landscape, verdant parks, and natural beauty—SAE is a highly rated school³ serving more than 300 Grades K–5 students. During back-to-school planning for the 2022–2023 year, SAE educators reviewed their *i-Ready® Diagnostic* results to get a complete picture of student performance relative to grade level as well as national norms.⁴

To accelerate reading fluency for their youngest scholars, SAE educators began rethinking their traditional 90-minute English language arts (ELA) block. Using the highly effective *Magnetic Reading Foundations, Florida B.E.S.T. Standards Edition* Grades K–2 framework, they redesigned their phonics instruction, incorporating the program seamlessly into their core ELA program.

SAE educators also collaborated with Curriculum Associates Professional Learning Specialists throughout the school year to maximize the benefit from this integrated approach, including tailored in-person training and virtual support.



SAE students in Grades K–2 using *Magnetic Reading Foundations, Florida B.E.S.T. Standards Edition* were 21 percentage points higher in Phonological Awareness, 26 percentage points higher in Phonics, and 24 percentage points higher in High-Frequency Words versus students not using *Magnetic Reading Foundations, Florida B.E.S.T. Standards Edition* in a school with similar enrollment and demographics (based on 2022–2023 Grades K–2 final *i-Ready Diagnostic* results for each school).

Dr. Bernardo Montero, president of Somerset Academy, Inc., credits the *i-Ready* platform and partnership: “As a network of public charter schools, fostering equitable educational opportunities for all students is a cornerstone of our mission. For the past five years, our partnership with *i-Ready* has not only revolutionized our understanding of student data but has also been instrumental in driving positive outcomes for students from underprivileged backgrounds. Through their innovative solutions and unwavering support, we’ve been able to leverage data to break down barriers and create pathways to success for students who have historically been underserved by the education system.

One of the most significant impacts of our partnership with *i-Ready* has been in the realm of data-informed decision making. By harnessing the power of [Curriculum Associates’] advanced analytics tools, we’ve been able to identify and address disparities in academic achievement among students. Whether it’s through targeted professional [learning], personalized support, or network data analysis, *i-Ready* has equipped us with the insights and strategies needed to narrow the achievement gap and ensure that all students have the opportunity to thrive. In conclusion, our partnership with *i-Ready* has not only transformed our understanding of student data but has also been a catalyst for positive change in the lives of countless students. With *i-Ready* by our side, we are confident in our ability to continue making a difference, breaking down barriers, and creating a more inclusive and equitable education system for all.”

¹Duncan, M. K. (2023). *Impact of Magnetic Reading Foundations on overall reading scores in Grade 2*. Curriculum Associates.

²Curriculum Associates. (2021). *Introducing Magnetic Reading Foundations Florida B.E.S.T. Author*.

³SAE. (n.d.). School report card/grade. *Somerset Academy Charter Elementary School*.

⁴Research has demonstrated that *i-Ready Diagnostic* scores in the fall, winter, and spring are highly correlated with Florida’s PM1, PM2, and PM3 (FAST), respectively.

⁵National Center for Education Statistics. (n.d.). Search for public schools. *National Center for Education Statistics*.