Houston Area District Creates Coherence with *i-Ready* Classroom Mathematics

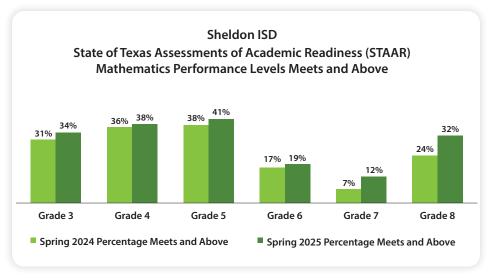


Driven by the belief that ambitious math gains are achievable for all students, Sheldon ISD leaders took a thoughtful approach to removing barriers. They discovered that the sheer number of programs in use—more than 20 across Grades K-8—was

causing instructional inconsistencies, gaps in vertical alignment, and a lack of shared academic language that stood in the way of their vision.

With i-Ready Assessment already in place at the elementary level, Sheldon ISD saw a natural next step in exploring Curriculum Associates' core mathematics offering. After a thorough review of the program's capabilities and strong recommendations from math coordinators, the district selected TEKSaligned i-Ready Classroom Mathematics.

The program's coherent structure, consistent terminology, and integrated assessment tools brought instruction into focus—helping Sheldon ISD turn possibilities into progress.



Since implementing i-Ready Classroom Mathematics in 2024, Sheldon ISD Grades K–8 learners showed considerable growth in STAAR performance from the prior year. With gains across all Grades 3–8, students in Grades 7 and 8 achieved especially robust five- and eight-point increases, respectively, from spring 2024 to spring 2025. This level of growth is especially difficult to achieve in the middle school grades and is even more remarkable given this was the first year of implementation.

Sheldon Independent School District (ISD) Houston, Texas 10,946 Grades Pre-K-12 Students¹ White Hispanic ■ Black Asian Other 34% 13% **Emergent** Students with Disabilities Bilingual Students with 82% <u>Socioeconomic</u> Disadvantages

"Instructional coherence is critical—it doesn't happen by accident. It must be intentional. i-Ready Classroom Mathematics is a comprehensive, turnkey K-8 program that fully aligns with TEKS. Every resource is in one place for our teachers. We can easily track progress with *i-Ready* Assessment and make just-in-time adjustments to instruction based on its insights. As a result, we have seen tremendous proficiency growth over the past year." —Rebecca Joseph, Director of Curriculum and Instruction

¹2024–2025 PEIMS Snapshot Data

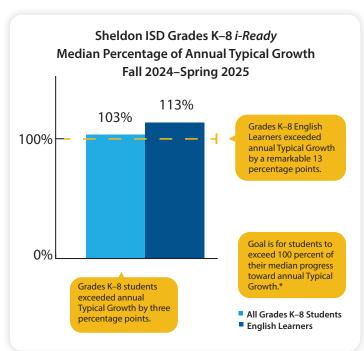
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Instructional Coherence Builds a Foundation for Mathematical Discourse

Classrooms across Sheldon ISD came alive with student voices as *i-Ready Classroom Mathematics* brought academic discourse, in English and Spanish, to the center of daily instruction. The Try–Discuss–Connect instructional framework encouraged students to speak up, explain their thinking aloud, and learn from one another, deepening their engagement while building fluency.

English Learners Exceed Goals

Multimodal instruction and English Language Proficiency Standards-aligned supports built into *i-Ready Classroom Mathematics* helped Sheldon ISD emergent-bilingual (EB) learners hit their stride. Between fall 2024 and spring 2025, EB students in Grades K–8 outshined expectations, exceeding Typical Growth goals by 13 points—10 points above the Grades K–8 average.



Sheldon ISD Leaders and Teachers Create Impact Together

With ongoing support from their Curriculum Associates partners, professional learning became a shared journey as Sheldon ISD implemented *i-Ready Classroom Mathematics* across the district.

Leaders stayed close to the work, engaging in planning sessions, joining classroom walkthroughs, and modeling the same professional curiosity they encouraged in their teachers.

"Being present in professional learning communities is everything," noted Rebecca Joseph, director of curriculum and instruction. "Leaders can't just walk into classrooms and check boxes. We need to understand what is being taught, when, and why."

Reflecting on the district's progress, Joseph added, "We're inspired by huge pockets of growth we've seen from students we've been the most concerned about. We are committed to keeping the momentum of *i-Ready Classroom Mathematics* going, because we have far to go, and we owe it to our kids to get them there."

"With i-Ready Classroom Mathematics, I observed our EB students turning and talking, sharing their thinking, mixing languages—a little English, a little Spanish—they knew what to do. It didn't matter which language they were using; they were truly involved and making sense of math together. It was progress, and it was beautiful."

—Rebecca Joseph, Director of Curriculum and Instruction

*i-Ready's Typical Growth refers to the average annual academic progress expected for a student at a particular grade and placement level, providing a national benchmark for how students are performing relative to their peers.



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