



# Literacy First

23,000 READERS  
SINCE 1994

Literacy First is a fully bilingual early literacy program that partners with school districts to ensure all children are reading at or above grade level by third grade.

## IMPACT



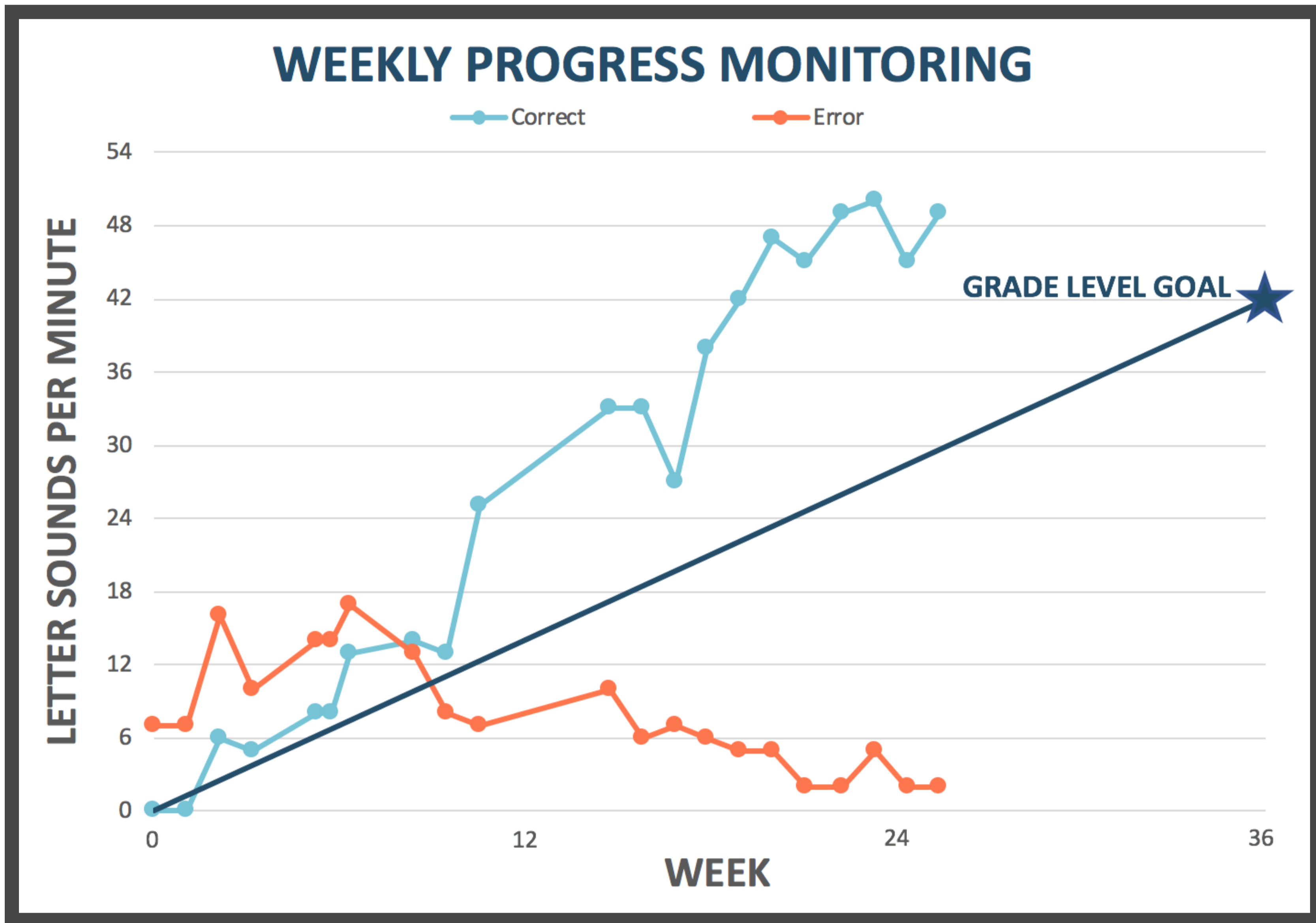
**1600**  
STUDENTS  
SERVED ANNUALLY



**99.7%**  
OF STUDENTS  
PROMOTED TO  
THE NEXT GRADE



**80%**  
OF STUDENTS  
SHOW MEASURABLE  
GAINS IN READING



2019-2020 LITERACY FIRST IMPACT REPORT

2017-2018 RANDOMIZED CONTROL TRIAL RESULTS

2018 AUSTIN ISD IMPACT ANALYSIS



# Literacy First

## AMERICORPS MODEL



**60**  
TUTORS  
ANNUALLY



**17**  
SCHOOLS IN  
AUSTIN ISD



**\$1500**  
TOTAL COST TO  
SERVE ONE STUDENT

- 2nd year tutors act as campus team leaders and participate in **Literacy First Leadership Academy**
- Tutors can pursue **alternative teaching certification** via partnership with Region 13 Education Service Center
- Approximately 20% of all Literacy First tutors have gone on to become **certified teachers**
- Literacy First AmeriCorps members provide nearly **7,000 additional service hours** annually through partnerships with local organizations

## DISTRICT MODEL



**27**  
TUTORS  
ANNUALLY



**9**  
SCHOOLS IN  
DEL VALLE ISD



**9**  
INSTRUCTIONAL  
COACHES

- **Tutors and instructional coaches hired by the district** are trained to deliver the Literacy First program
- Training school staff **increases the internal capacity of districts** to improve early reading over time
- Hiring and training practices build **workforce pipeline** for the communities in which tutors reside
- Literacy First staff will be piloting a **teacher training program** to empower traditional classroom teachers to teach early reading



AmeriCorps is a network of national service programs that gives people the chance to serve in locations across the country. AmeriCorps\*Texas programs give members the opportunity to strengthen Texas communities while being part of a national service movement.



The University of Texas at Austin  
**Charles A. Dana Center**

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