

Paths to College and Career

Paths to Success in Lake County Schools

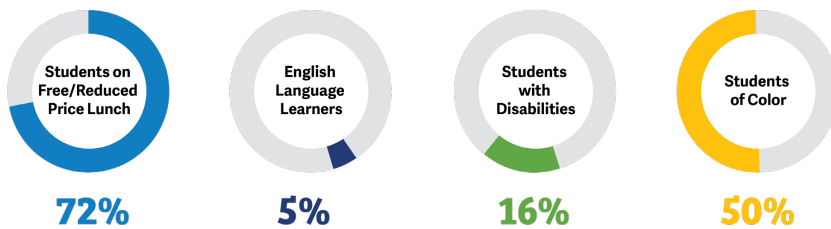


Background

Paths to College and Career is a high-quality research-based English Language Arts curriculum solution for grades 6 through 12 created to help all students access rigorous grade-level content. Since the 2017–2018 school year, Lake County Schools (LCS), Florida has implemented the *Paths to College and Career* curriculum in grades 6–10 in six schools. Two additional schools were added to the implementation cohort in fall 2018.

LCS is home to more than forty-thousand students in pre-K through grade 12. The district includes 20 elementary schools, 8 middle schools, and 9 high schools. In collaboration with LCS staff, Public Consulting Group (PCG) experts designed and delivered professional learning and coaching to teachers and literacy coaches focused on implementing the instructional shifts, standards and *Paths* curriculum content. PCG’s experts worked with LCS teachers, coaches, district staff, and school leaders to build their capacity and expertise with the *Paths to College and Career* curriculum and the State Standards.

Key Student Groups Served

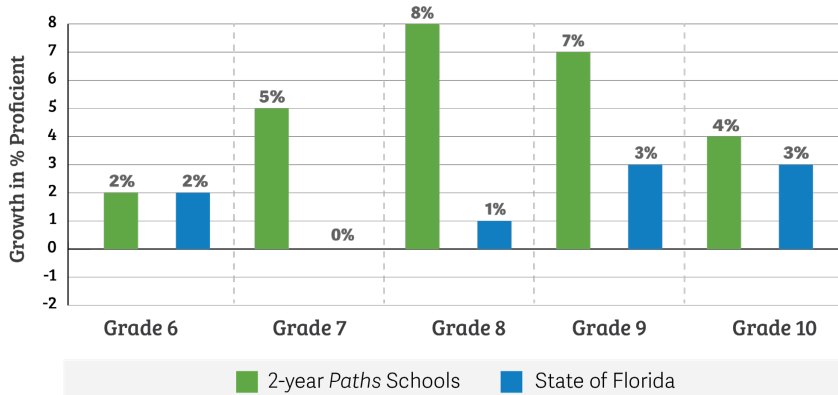


Results

Growth on FSA ELA in *Paths* schools exceeds State gains

- Growth in schools implementing *Paths* with PCG coaching is equal to or better than the State gains at each grade level for the same period. Growth in *Paths* schools was 3-7 percentage points greater than the state.
- Prior to implementation (2017), there was a gap in the percent of student proficient between the State and the schools that would implement *Paths* with PCG coaching; at the end of year two, every school implementing *Paths* with PCG coaching closed the gap with the State in every grade except 6th grade where the pace of growth was the same.

Growth in % Proficient *Paths* Schools vs. State 2017-2019



PCG Support



8 schools



2 years of support (2017-2019)



Annual Delivery of *Paths* Institute



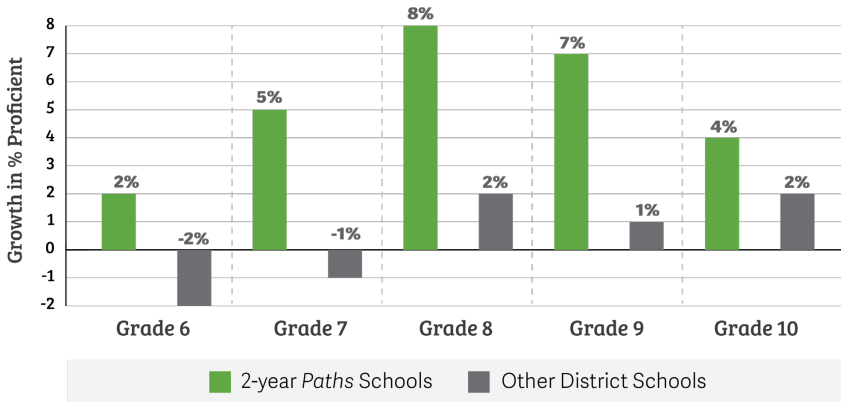
48 job-embedded coaching days



Growth on FSA ELA in *Paths* schools exceed other district schools

- Schools implementing *Paths* with PCG coaching show growth in every grade level, grades 6-10.
- Growth in schools implementing *Paths* with PCG coaching was 1-7 percentage points greater than other LCS schools.
- At baseline (2017), schools that implemented *Paths* with PCG coaching had a lower percentage of students proficient compared to other LCS schools. Two years later (2019) *Paths* coaching schools closed the gap in the percent proficient on FSA in every grade level.

Growth in % Proficient *Paths* Schools vs. Other District Schools 2017-2019



Educator perspectives: *Paths* raises the bar for students



“All lessons are standards based. I feel like my students are practicing the skills they need to become better readers. I like the texts that are used in this curriculum [and] the students are engaged in rigorous content.”

–LCS *Paths* Teacher



“The curriculum pushes kids into higher-level thinking. That’s when I get thrilled – the group is digging in and going to a deeper level. I’m seeing more of it. This curriculum pushes them to dig deep.”

–LCS *Paths* Teacher



“This curriculum ... gets our kids to do what we want: read, discuss what they’re reading, provide their opinions, engage in collaborative discussions, write what they are doing throughout, and think about what they’re reading. Everything that we say is a good learning process is encompassed within the curriculum.”

–LCS District Administrator

Learn more about ***Paths to College and Career*** and how it can help your school district succeed.



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