



Buford City Schools

CASE STUDY



BACKGROUND

Buford City Schools district is located in Buford, GA. It serves over 500 English Learners who speak more than 30 different languages. The district provides language support through the ESOL program to eligible students. In order to elevate their ESOL program, Buford City Schools district approached Little Sponges® with a number of goals.

41% growth in English proficiency
in 1 school year based on the
pre and post assessments.

GOALS



Develop cultural awareness and English language proficiency in listening, speaking, reading, and writing.



Incorporate content into language and literacy development to help English Learners succeed and perform well on the state-mandated assessments.



Measure ongoing progress using multiple criteria to personalize instruction and improve results.

ACHIEVEMENTS



Teachers can use Little Sponges data to predict results on standardized tests.



The percent increase between pre and post assessments for all classes indicates significant improvement in English!

Gradebook Example

Display Name	English Pre-1	English Post-1
Student #1	88%	100%
Student #2	84%	100%
Student #3	76%	96%
Student #4	72%	96%
Student #5	56%	100%
Student #6	52%	96%
Student #7	48%	96%
Student #8	28%	96%
Student #9	24%	100%

RESULTS



Students demonstrated significant growth in English in one school year!

41%

*Click [here](#) to see the data for each class. (Students' names are covered to protect their privacy.)



Teachers saw a strong correlation between students' scores on Little Sponges assessments and state standardized test scores.

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We have enjoyed using Little Sponges in our Kindergarten ESOL classes! What my students love most about Little Sponges: the engaging video lessons and the interactive games! Students are eager to hear Mishka speak in a language they speak/understand and they always love hearing Frog's silly voice! What I love most about Little Sponges: the rich content in each adventure! I love that it's mostly nonfiction content and entertaining videos that engage students in such a fun and playful way! Students enjoy exploring each new adventure and are eager to show what they've learned!

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