Literacy First leads to Increased Student Engagement and Unprecedented Results

In 2012-2013, New Venture Learning Academy in New York City called on Catapult Learning’s Literacy First Framework to help them strengthen their classroom practices and create a common instructional language among their school leaders and teachers.

Within months of the initial Literacy First training, New Venture Academy noticed marked improvement in student suspension rates, which principal Dom Cipollone said is "an indicator that kids are interested in what’s going on in the classroom. When they’re not, they are going to leave, act out, whatever, and that’s not happening the way it has in the past”

High suspension rates indicate trouble for the students, teachers, families, school and district. In 2011-2012, there were a total of 86 student suspensions at New Venture Academy. In 2012-2013, after one year of Literacy First, overall school suspensions decreased from 86 to 48, a 44% decrease.

Even more remarkable, while suspension rates fall for all students, suspensions reported for Special Education students dropped from 42 in 2011 to 14 in 2013, a 67% decrease compared to the 23% decrease experienced by the general student base. Special Education students at New Venture Academy are not being suspended at higher rates than Gen Ed students. “This is unprecedented in schools in NYC,” says Cipollone.

Student engagement and active learning are the cornerstones of the Literacy First process. Literacy First offered my teachers access to a deeper understanding of the techniques and skills needed to successfully deliver meaningful instruction.

— Dom Cipollone, Principal, The New Venture Academy, Bronx NY
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The Data Speaks for Itself:

Catapult Learning National Standardized Test Results 2011-2012

[Graph showing improvement in reading and math scores]