Open Court Reading (Reading)

Beginning Reading
Open Court Reading has limited evidence of effectiveness for beginning reading. The one qualifying study included in this review showed an effect size of +0.17.

Upper Elementary School
Open Court Reading has limited evidence of effectiveness for upper elementary school reading. The two qualifying studies included in this review showed effect sizes of +0.15 and +0.20.

Middle/High School
There are no qualifying studies of Open Court Reading for middle/high school reading.

About Open Court Reading
Open Court Reading is a basal text book series that uses phonetic readers in early grades, a focus on direct instruction of specific skills throughout the program, scripted teachers’ manuals, teacher training, and follow-up.

Open Court Phonics Kit (as a supplement)

Beginning Reading
Open Court Phonics Kit has limited evidence of effectiveness for beginning reading. The one qualifying study included in this review showed a mean effect size of +0.49.

Upper Elementary School
Open Court Phonics Kit is not designed for upper elementary school reading.

Middle/High School
Open Court Phonics Kit is not designed for middle/high school reading.

About Open Court Phonics Kit
Open Court Phonics Kit provides teachers with extensive training and materials to teach phonics skills.

More on these reviews
For more on the reviews of Open Court Reading and Open Court Phonics Kit, read the BEE reviews of beginning reading and upper elementary reading.

More on Open Court
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