

TANF-Funded Afterschool and Summer Programs for Low-Income Students

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- Third-grade reading achievement is essential for academic success¹
- In Kansas, 39% of third-grade students are reading at proficient or above²
- For students from low-income families, only 24% are reading at proficient or above
- Out-of-school time learning opportunities can help close the achievement gap³

	Below Basic		Basic		At Proficient and Above	
	All Students	Low-Income students	All Students	Low-Income students	All Students	Low-Income students
2017 NAEP 4 th grade	32	46	31	32	36	21
2018 Kansas 3 rd grade	30	43	31	33	39	24

¹ Fiester et al., 2010

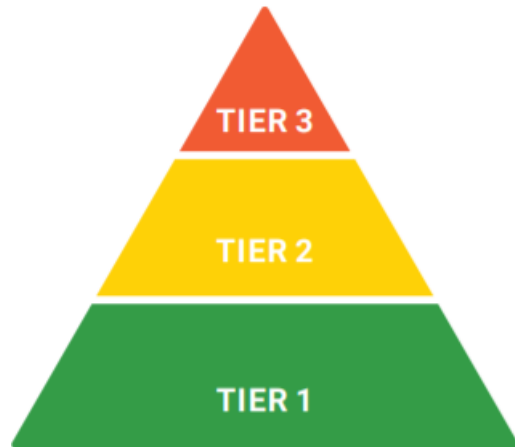
² Kansas State Department of Education, 2018

³ Lauer et al., 2006; Vandell et al., 2007

- Kansas has invested Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) funds to support innovative educational programs
- The Kansas Reading Roadmap (KRR) was designed to address the reading achievement gap
- KRR partners with low-income, rural schools (58+), serving 10,000+ students and 1,500+ families each year

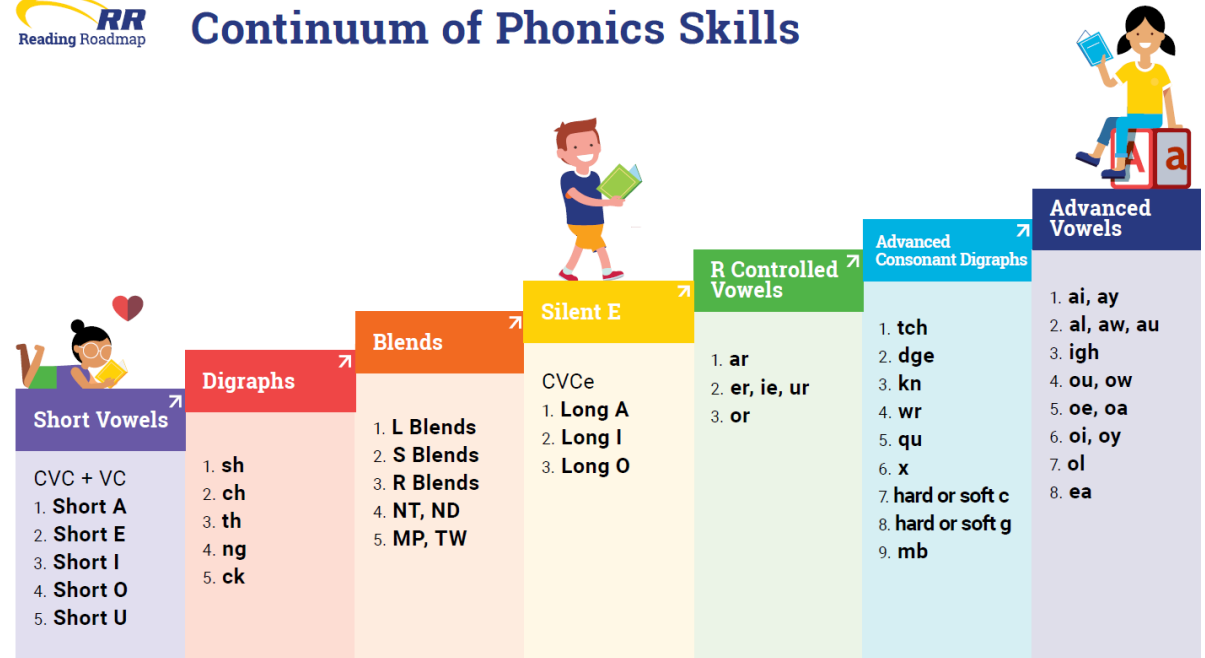


- KRR is a whole-school approach to literacy intervention
- Aligned with in-school interventions
- Targeted skill development after school



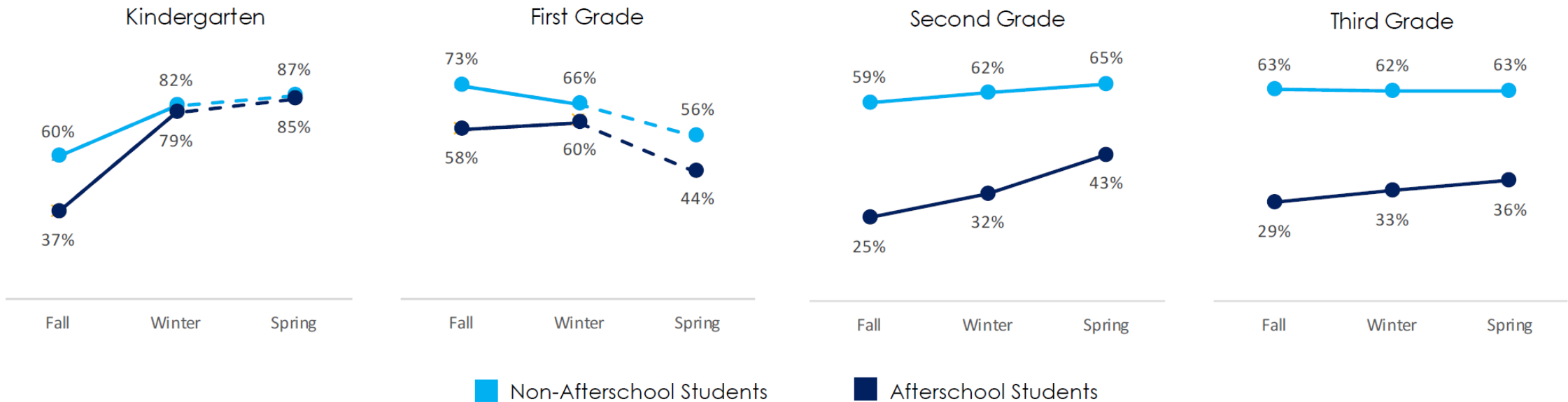
- Tier 1 (Benchmark)
- Tier 2 (Targeted Support)
- Tier 3 (Intensive Intervention)

Continuum of Phonics Skills



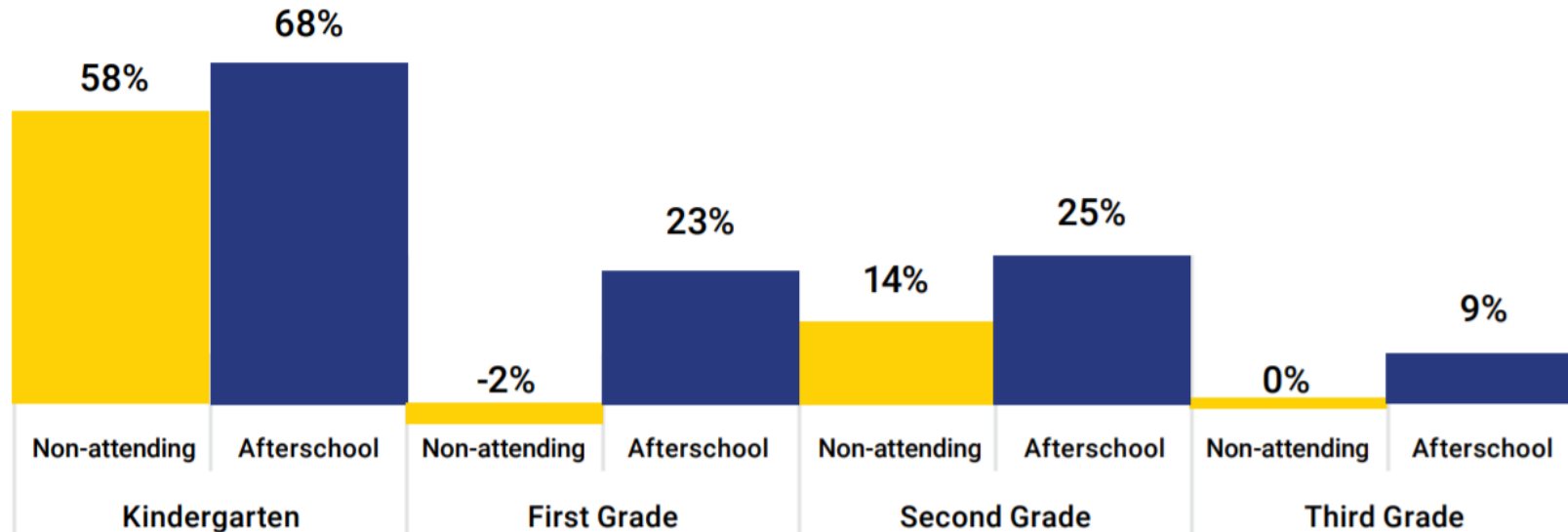
- **Data:** 2017-18 academic year from 68 schools
- **Sample:** afterschool (N = 1,224) and non-afterschool students (N = 4,552)
- **Outcome:** Curriculum-Based Measures (CBM) data at each semester (fall, winter, spring)
- **Descriptive analyses:**
 - Tier 1 percentage: reading at benchmark
 - Tier 1 transition: moving into reading at benchmark

- The achievement gap between afterschool and non-afterschool students decreased, most notably for kindergarten students



- Afterschool students were more likely to transition into grade-level reading

Average Benchmark Transition Rate Comparison of Two Child Cohorts



- KRR is an example of innovative use of TANF funds to address the achievement gap
- KRR supports low-income families by providing educational opportunities
- Students enrolled in KRR are more likely to transition to reading at grade-level compared to their peers





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