

Newsela — AI-Leveled Reading Content Backed by Four-State ESSA Tier II Evidence

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Quality score: 53/100

Evidence strength: Quasi-experimental

Summary

Newsela uses AI/NLP to rewrite the same news and curriculum articles at multiple reading levels so teachers can assign one topic to a mixed-ability class. Four state-level, WWC-aligned ESSA Tier II studies found consistent, replicated reading gains — the most substantiated eviden

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Evidence of learning impact	2/3
Equity & inclusion	2/3
Transparency, ethics & data protection	1/3
Teacher capability & pedagogy	1/3
Scalability & sustainability	2/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-08-14

[Newsela, Inc.](#) — accessed 2026-08-14

[ESSA Tier II study results — Newsela press release](#) — accessed 2026-08-14

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