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Lincoln Learning curriculum receives evidence-based validation

ALIQUIPPA, Pa. (Feb. 24, 2026) — Lincoln Learning Solutions today announced its Empowered curriculum achieved Level III (promising evidence) status under the Every Student Succeeds Act, or ESSA.

“We’re elated to have achieved ESSA Level III,” Lincoln’s Chief Academic Officer, Charles Thayer, said. “Schools using our curriculum have the right to rigorous, independent evidence showing our courses improve academic outcomes for their students.”

According to the [Instructure research team](#), which conducted the study, the designation indicates that it validated a correlational study showing a positive relationship between Lincoln Empowered curriculum and student outcomes, in accordance with the Every Student Succeeds Act’s requirements for Level III Evidence.

Involving 649 students across grades K–12, the results revealed significant, positive associations between Lincoln Empowered usage and end-of-course grades for students in grades 3–5 in English Language Arts and in grades 6–12 in all core subjects. The study used statistical controls and was conducted using 2024-25 school year data.

Thayer said Lincoln obtained Level IV previously and will aim to achieve Level II in six to 12 months. The [ESSA Tiers of Evidence](#) provide districts and schools with a framework for determining which programs, practices, strategies, and interventions work in which contexts and for which students.

“With the glut of edtech products on the market, we want to give our schools and prospective partners a leg up and assure them their students will thrive using Lincoln Empowered,” Thayer said.

The report is available [here](#).

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About Lincoln Learning

[Lincoln Learning Solutions](#) is a 501c3 nonprofit dedicated to collaborating with educators to maximizing their talents and facilitate student success. Based in western Pennsylvania, it is the developer of Lincoln Empowered, a digitally based curriculum delivering engaging, standards-based instruction in online and blended learning environments. Lincoln Learning Solutions currently serves nearly 1500 schools in 68 states and provinces, and upward of 800,000 students.

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