

Motivating Students to Read



Simple strategies that grow choice, confidence, and community.

Create reading experiences that feel meaningful, not mandatory. These educator-tested strategies help reduce friction, expand access, and build a shared reading culture that supports every student.

Make Reading Low-Stakes

Allow students time to read without pressure or performance expectations. Daily choice reading and easy access to books throughout the school day help students build stamina and confidence one page at a time.



Lead With Identity and Interest

Students are more motivated when they can see themselves in what they read. Book tastings, face-out displays, and interest-based collections invite exploration while shifting the focus from levels to relevance and curiosity.

Replace Quizzes With Sharing

Reading motivation grows when students talk about what they notice. Short book talks, favorite-line reflections, and weekly “reading wins” create space for connection, curiosity, and authentic engagement.



Remove Barriers to Access

Offer easy checkout processes, grab-and-go book carts, and consistent take-home routines so students can access books when and where they need them—in print or digitally.



Honor All Ways of Reading

Strong reading habits are built across formats and genres. Audiobooks, short texts, graphic novels, and rereading all support comprehension, stamina, and joy—and deserve equal recognition.



Build Community Around Reading

Reading sticks when it's social. Shared goals, celebrations of participation and growth, and peer book recommendations help students view reading as a collaborative activity.

Bring It All Together With Beanstack

Beanstack helps schools track reading habits, celebrate progress, and build community—making reading visible, social, and rewarding while honoring student choice and motivation.

