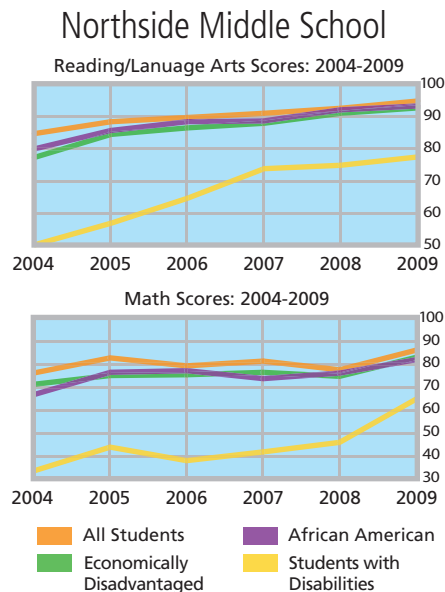


Northside Middle School, Houston County, GA

5 YEARS AND STILL GROWING — SCHOOL SUSTAINS SUCCESS WITH CLASSWORKS



“We put our trust in Classworks six years ago, and it hasn’t let us down. Our teachers integrated it more each year, our students are still engaged and eager to learn with Classworks, and the scores just keep going up.”

— Ed Mashburn, Principal (2004-2009)
Northside Middle School

Challenge: Northside Middle School has focused for years on improving all students’ chances for success, but a few subpopulations still had a long way to go. In recent years, those struggling subpopulations were increasing in numbers at Northside, and the school was ready to address those specific groups. In an effort to help them improve their test scores and bring them on par with the rest of the school, Northside Middle School turned to Classworks.

Goals:

- Increase Criterion-Referenced Competency Test (CRCT)
- Close the achievement gap for every subgroup
- Show sustained growth in both reading and math, year after year
- Ensure that making AYP is the norm, not the exception

Action Plan: Northside turned to Classworks to provide Individual Learning Paths (ILPs) for each student to focus on raising achievement levels — especially in the low-achieving student subgroups. The staff set up two dedicated Classworks labs: one for Language Arts and one for Math, as well as a mini-lab in every classroom. Staff even implemented Classworks into their after school program to provide extra opportunities for targeted instruction. By combining the Classworks instruction with effective teaching, strong leadership and consistent usage, Northside was able to generate great results.

Results:

- Reading scores have increased every year for six years, for all students and every subgroup — no setbacks and no exceptions
- Every single subgroup has narrowed the achievement gap in both Reading and Math
- Special Education students cut their achievement gap in half in Reading and Math, down 34% to 17.2% in Reading and 42% to 21% in Math
- Northside Middle School has made AYP every year since 2007!