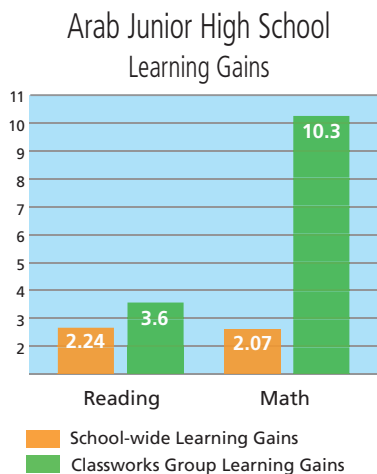


# Arab Junior High School, AL

CLASSWORKS EASES TRANSITION TO JUNIOR HIGH AND KEEPS TEST SCORES UP IN ARAB, AL



“Our goal is to make sure all of our students continue to learn and grow, and that we pay special attention to those transition years. We strive to be the best and with our district at #3 in the state on ARMT, Classworks helped make it happen.”

– John Mullins, Superintendent  
Arab City Schools

**Challenge:** Arab Junior High School has many positives, traditionally performing well on the ARMT and meeting AYP year after year. One trend that has caused concern though, is that as students leave elementary school to come to the junior high, their 6th graders typically see a drop in test scores from the previous year.

**Goal:**

- Use Classworks as intensive instruction to maintain the support for reading and math that students were used to in elementary school
- Reduce the drop in ARMT scores traditionally been seen in the 6th grade
- Maintain high performance levels school-wide

**Action Plan:** Provide intensive dedicated time for targeted 6th graders in danger of slipping during the transition to junior high, maintaining the focus on reading and math. This group used Classworks 5 times a week for fifty minutes each day, throughout the school year. Provide Classworks time for all students - grades 6-8 - with high expectations (80% mastery) and targeted instruction.

**Results:**

- Of the group targeted as most likely to see a decrease in test scores, with intensive Classworks use 86% maintained or increased their performance levels.
- In reading, the entire 6th grade increased their ARMT scores by an average of 2.24 points over the previous year. The Classworks group increased their reading scores by 3.6 points – a 61% greater gain.
- In math, the entire 6th grade increased their ARMT scores by an average of 2.07 points, while the Classworks group increased their math scores by 10.3 points. Almost 5 times greater gains!
- Arab Junior High School increased its standing on the ARMT to #3 in Alabama in grades 6-8.