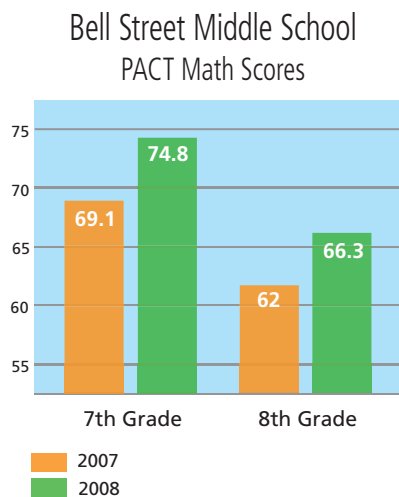


Bell Street Middle School, Laurens 56 SD, SC

IAP STUDENTS EXCEED GROWTH TARGETS AT BELL STREET MIDDLE SCHOOL (SC)



“The support from Curriculum Advantage has been tremendous – they want us to be successful. And as we see test scores improve and our struggling students make such great gains, we know it’s working”

– Sara Adkins, Tech Specialist
Bell Street Middle School

Challenge: As Bell Street Middle School looked for ways to help struggling students, they targeted at-risk students with historically low performance and gave each an Individual Academic Plan (IAP). Math had particularly been an area where students have performed below expected levels, and after first seeing success with Classworks in summer school in 2007, they were ready to see how great the impact could be in a full year.

Goal:

- Provide sufficient engaged time for students with IAPs
- Improve target group test scores on MAP
- Use Classworks with MAP to predict PACT results
- Improve target group test scores on PACT

Action Plan: In their first year of implementing Classworks, Bell Street Middle School developed an intensive instructional program for their most challenged students - those with Individual Academic Plans. After identifying almost 100 students that had performed poorly on previous year’s high stakes tests, these struggling students were given an intensive, structured Classworks implementation including daily lab instructional time focusing on targeted skills, use of imported MAP results to individualize instruction, and an innovative incentive program celebrating progress and personal milestones.

Results:

- The number of students in jeopardy of failing dropped by 60% to less than 40 students.
- There was a direct correlation between test scores and Classworks use, as 93% of the struggling target group with adequate engaged time in Classworks met or exceeded growth targets on the MAP assessment.
- PACT math scores improved among the target group and school-wide, with increases over their previous year’s performance.