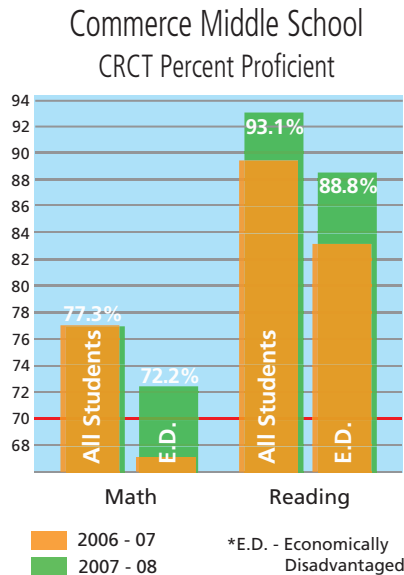


Commerce Middle School, GA

K-8 IMPLEMENTATION IN COMMERCE (GA) LEADS TO GAINS FROM PRIMARY TO MIDDLE SCHOOL!



“Classworks is a critical component of our Pyramid of Intervention process and our key instructional technology. Since putting it in place, we have seen improved performance from students at every level. The students with the greatest need have such a positive response to Classworks that it makes an immediate impact.”

— Dr. James McCoy, Superintendent
Commerce City Schools

Challenge: In their second year of Classworks implementation, Commerce City Schools were challenged to see gains made in Special Education in 2007 expand throughout the district. Based on the impact of Classworks in the primary school the previous year, Commerce wanted to replicate that success in the middle school.

Goal:

- Improve scores at the middle school so they could meet AYP for the first time in three years
- Improve scores for the Economically Disadvantaged students in the district and close the achievement gap
- See improvements in math, even with a more rigorous state test and increased state proficiency requirements

Action Plan:

Adapt the successful primary school program to suit the needs of the middle school with additional Classworks labs and whole class instruction. Target struggling students through Response to Intervention with Classworks, using close progress monitoring to ensure students are mastering concepts in Classworks – and see that mastery transfer to increased CRCT scores.

Results:

- Commerce Middle School made AYP for the first time in three years.
- The full student populations maintained or increased their scores over the previous year in both reading and math.
- The Economically Disadvantaged subgroups increased scores at an even greater rate in both subjects, and the achievement gap was tightened.