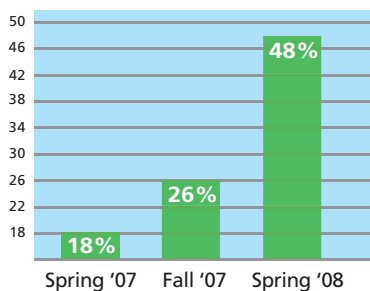


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SUCCESS ON UTAH'S EXIT EXAM IS ACHIEVED WITH INTENSIVE INSTRUCTION IN CLASSWORKS

Horizonte Inst. Training Center
UBSCT Math Scores



"The kids came out of the test very, very confident. They walked out with their heads up and smiles on their faces. Classworks gives them the confidence they need to perform well on the UBSCT."

– James Andersen
Principal
Horizonte Instruction and Training Center

Challenge: Horizonte Instruction and Training Center has been using Classworks since 2006 to help prepare their students for the high school exit exam, the Utah Basic Skills Competency Test (UBSCT). Horizonte has a typical urban high school population: its student body is 75% minority – the largest group being Hispanic – and has a 90% Free/Reduced Lunch population. As many of its students struggle academically and there is a high turnover among the student body, emphasis is placed on providing interventions in academic areas, and the faculty and staff are focused on making sure their students have every opportunity to succeed.

Goal:

- Maximize student time on Classworks in preparation for the UBSCT
- Correlate engaged time to exit exam success
- Improve UBSCT results, particularly in math

Action Plan: Horizonte uses data to drive instruction – using UBSCT results to identify and target instruction student by student. By ensuring every student is focused on the skills he/she needs to improve, no time is wasted and every moment in Classworks is meaningful.

Results:

- Direct correlation between engaged time in Classworks and UBSCT Success
- Multiple-year gains in UBSCT math scores
- An increase from a 26% pass rate in math in fall of 2007, to 48% in spring of 2008; 6 months later!