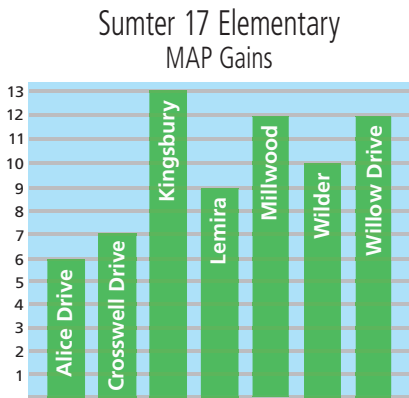


Sumter 17 School District, SC

SUMTER 17 (SC) STUDENTS POST DOUBLE-DIGIT RIT GAINS IN SUMMER SCHOOL



“When our lowest-performing students were able to get such big gains, we were very impressed. We haven’t seen those gains in prior summers, so we know Classworks’ impact was a big part of it.”

— Suzanne Wates
Director of Instruction K-12
Sumter School District 17 (SC)

Challenge: After successfully using Classworks to improve its Middle School scores, Sumter School District 17 (SC) purchased Classworks for its elementary schools in spring 2007. Instead of waiting for the new school year, they wanted to immediately accelerate learning for their elementary students through a summer school program. They had roughly 100 students in each of their seven elementary schools performing below average in both Math and Reading/Language Arts.

Goal: Improve RIT scores for all below-average students to be on-grade level before the start of the next school year.

Action Plan: To meet the summer school deadline, Curriculum Advantage quickly installed Classworks into Sumter 17’s labs and imported the students’ RIT scores. Each student received an individualized learning plan in Classworks. Over the course of the five-week summer school session, students spent one hour a day working in Classworks on Math and Reading/Language Arts.

Results:

While these “At-Risk” students started with below-average RIT scores, their growth rate after the summer school session showed that they were on track to make the gains necessary to be on-grade level.

- Four of the elementary schools posted double-digit gains in Math, far exceeding expected growth targets.
- Gains for five weeks of Classworks Reading and Math equaled one full year of MAP-normed growth targets.

While Sumter 17 had originally used Title I funds to purchase Classworks for its summer school programs (more than 1,000 students), they were able to maximize their investment by integrating the program into the regular school year.