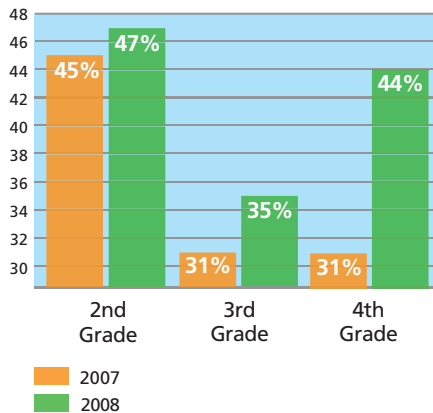


Joseph Widmer, Jr. School, Manteca Unified SD, CA

WIDMER MOVES STUDENTS TO PROFICIENCY WITH CLASSWORKS

Joseph Widmer Jr., 2nd - 4th Grade
STAR Reading Results



"We know how important Algebra I success is going to be for our 8th grade students' future success at the secondary level. Classworks gave our students the confidence to perform at a level we hadn't seen before, and next year we will be even more ready. When students are coming in before and after school and choosing Classworks as an elective, you know it's something special."

—Suzan Turner, Principal
Joseph Widmer Jr., Elementary School

Challenge: Widmer Elementary is a growing K-8 school in the heart of the central valley in California. Increased enrollment among Hispanic, English Language Learners, and Economically Disadvantaged has challenged them to use innovative solutions to reduce the number of students lacking basic skills and increase student performance on the California Standards Tests (CSTs).

Goal:

- Increase the percentage of students performing proficient or advanced on the CSTs
- Increase the number of 8th grade Algebra I students that succeed on the CST

Action Plan: Implementing Classworks in the fall of 2007, Widmer set up two programs to increase their numbers of proficient students. First, they targeted "bubble kids" that scored at the Basic level on the CSTs in 2007 or were performing below grade level. These students received additional Classworks time in before and after school tutorials. Secondly, they provided electives for 7th and 8th graders in language arts and 8th grade Algebra I that used Classworks an additional three periods per week.

Results:

- The numbers of students that performed at proficient or advanced on the CST increased across the board in both reading and math.
- Gains in proficiency directly corresponded to time on task and mastery within Classworks, providing a predictor of success.
- 8th grade Algebra I performance levels increased dramatically; the percentage of proficient students on the Algebra I CST increased by 10 points from 18% to 28%.

Joseph Widmer Jr., 6th - 8th Grade
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