# Rocklin Unified School District (California) 

District Size: 9 Elementary Schools (K-6), 2 Middle Schools (7-8)

## 2000-01 Adopted IEW Program in $4^{\text {th }}-6^{\text {th }}$ Grade

2001-02 Initial group of $4^{\text {th }}$ grade students in $5^{\text {th }}$ grade
2002-03 Initial group of $4^{\text {th }}$ grade students in $6^{\text {th }}$ grade
2003-04 Initial group of $4^{\text {th }}$ grade students in $7^{\text {th }}$ grade - Tested Spring '04
2004-05 Second group of $4^{\text {th }}$ grade students in $7^{\text {th }}$ grade - Tested Spring '05

## Granite Oaks Middle School

Grade 7 - Percent of Students with Writing Application Score of:

|  | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
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| $\mathbf{2 0 0 3}$ | 24 | 5 | 55 | 6 | 9 | 1 | 1 |
| $\mathbf{2 0 0 4}$ | 1 | 1 | 39 | 34 | 22 | 3 | 0 |
| $\mathbf{2 0 0 5}$ | 1 | 3 | 29 | 23 | 39 | 3 | 1 |

Spring View Middle School
Grade $\mathbf{7}$ - Percent of Students with Writing Application Score of:

|  | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $\mathbf{2 0 0 3}$ | 39 | 3 | 54 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| $\mathbf{2 0 0 4}$ | 2 | 4 | 61 | 21 | 10 | 1 | 0 |
| 2005 | 2 | 5 | 37 | 28 | 24 | 2 | 1 |

## California State Testing Standards:

Two independent readers score each Grade 7 CST writing test using a 4-point scoring guide. Each student's score is the sum of the scores of the two readers, with the highest possible score being 8 and the lowest 2. The CST writing test score is reported as the score for writing application standards. A score of 4 and above is proficient.

## Analysis:

The IEW writing program was adopted in $4^{\text {th }}-6^{\text {th }}$ grade district-wide (in nine elementary schools) beginning in Fall 2000, with a combination of in-service sessions, classroom demonstrations, and video seminar support. (Some, but not all $3^{\text {rd }}$ grade teachers also began to teach the program.)

After three years of consistent, layered instruction in the Structure \& Style models, those $4^{\text {th }}$ grade students, by the time of reaching $7^{\text {th }}$ grade in Spring 2004, scored, as a group significantly higher than previous year's seventh grade students, as indicated on the chart above. By the fourth year of implementation, those students who were in $3^{\text {rd }}$ grade in Fall 2000 were tested in $7^{\text {th }}$ grade, and showed continued dramatic gains in proficiency.
In $2003,36 \%$ of $7^{\text {th }}$ grade students (middle schools combined) were below proficient in writing, with $31 \%$ having the lowest possible score, as determined by California State standards. In $2004 \& 2005$, only $4-5 \%$ were below proficient, with only $2 \%$ having the lowest score. Corresponding increases in proficiency levels can be seen in the charts above, with significant numbers of students moving from a score of " 4 " to " 5 ", and from " 5 to " 6 ", indicating a dramatic overall improvement in students with several years of consistently applied instruction with the IEW program.

