Rocklin Unified School District (California)

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

2000-01	Adopted IEW Program in 4 th - 6 th Grade
2001-02	Initial group of 4 th grade students in 5 th grade
2002-03	Initial group of 4 th grade students in 6 th grade
2003-04	Initial group of 4 th grade students in 7 th grade - Tested Spring '04
2004-05	Second group of 4 th grade students in 7 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
2003	24	5	55	6	9	1	1
2004	1	1	39	34	22	3	0
2005	1	3	29	23	39	3	1

Spring View Middle School

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

	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
2003	39	3	54	1	4	0	0
2004	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 $4^{th}-6^{th}$ 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^{rd} grade teachers also began to teach the program.)

After three years of consistent, layered instruction in the Structure & Style models, those 4th grade students, by the time of reaching 7th 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 3rd grade in Fall 2000 were tested in 7th grade, and showed continued dramatic gains in proficiency.

In 2003, 36% of 7th 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.