

A TALE OF TWO CITIES

Two schools are better than one...

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What do Fincastle, VA and Minneapolis, MN have in common?

**MAYBE MORE THAN YOU
THINK!**

SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL'S VISION...

We exist to ensure that all students learn. We support their growth into knowledgeable, skilled, and confident citizens capable of succeeding, personally and professionally, in the 21st century.

WHAT GREAT SCHOOLS SAYS ABOUT CAMS...



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2008

This is an
amazing school
and my kids loved
it.

Submitted by a parent



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I don't think CAMS is a bad school at all. In fact, I believe quite the opposite. They have a great environment for learning and I feel the teachers have great relationships with their students. --Submitted by a student

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South High School, Minneapolis, MN



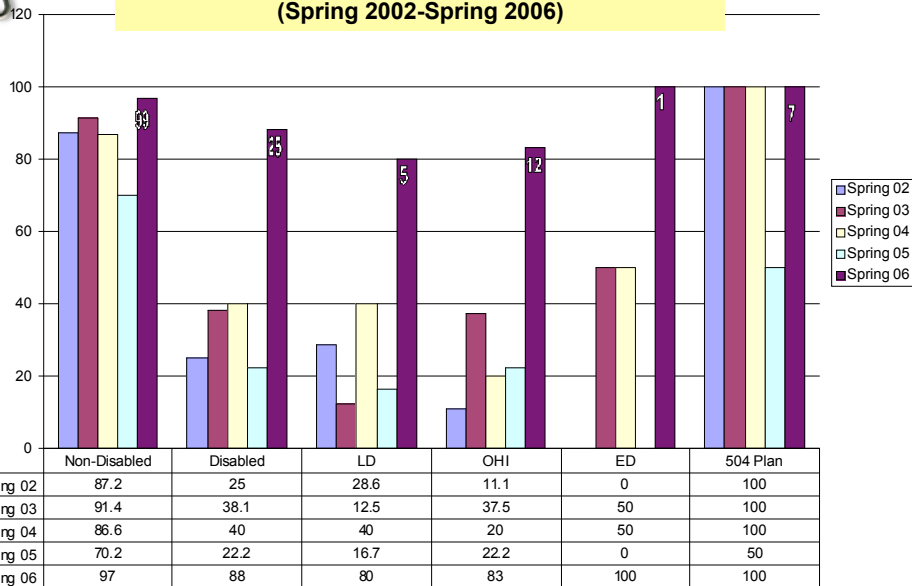
Central Academy Middle School, Fincastle, VA



Data from Central Academy Middle School...

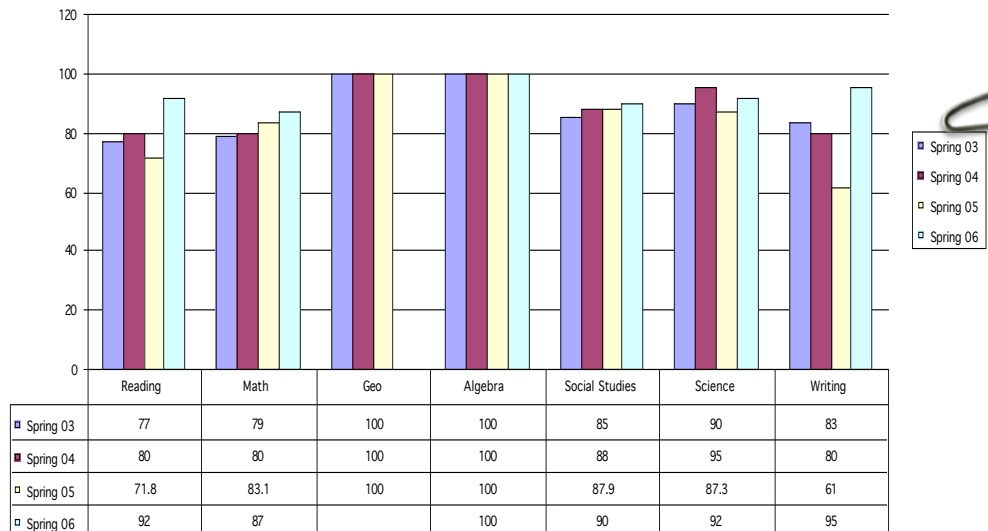
Eighth Grade Writing Pass Rate

(Spring 2002-Spring 2006)



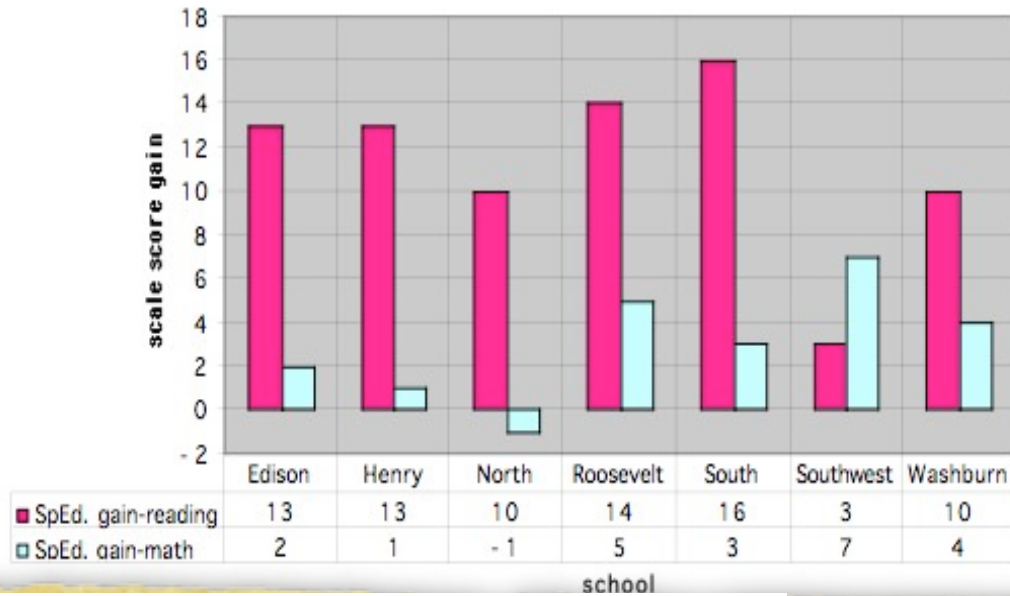
SOL Pass Rates

(Spring 2003-2006)

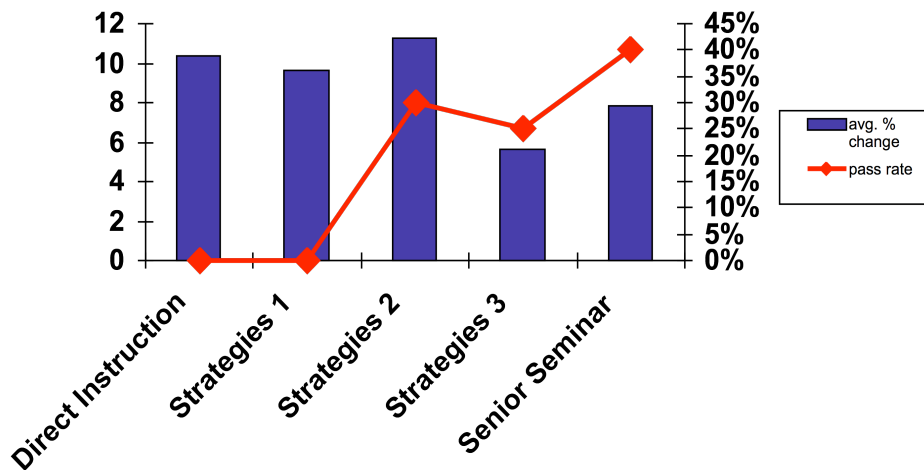


Data from
Minneapolis
Public Schools...

Minnesota Basic Standards Test gains from 2003 to 2004



2004 MBST Reading % SCORE INCREASE



and from South High
School...

So what do the teachers say? And what about student opinions?

THE CONTENT LITERACY CONTINUUM ACCORDING TO CAMS...

ADMINISTRATOR/LEAD TEACHER COMMENTS:

"Has been a wonderful year, can't say enough good things about it. True focus in reading in concert with SIM strategy and our own school efforts. Really focused us on what we are doing, grant tailored itself to us and us to them."

TEACHER COMMENTS REGARDING CONTENT ENHANCEMENT ROUTINES:

"They make sense."

"They help me and my students organize."

"They enhance understanding of the material."

TEACHERS SAY STUDENTS:

- Are more engaged since CLC project began
- Grasp concepts better
- Have better class test performance
- Make better grades
- Earn better SOL scores

STUDENT COMMENTS:

"...frames to help study..."

(Unit Organizer) "...helps me a lot, more notes to look over when test time, breaks stuff down, easier to remember, notes the important stuff..."

Students want "just the right amount of content enhancement routines and ..."

"...like it when we 'interact' with the frame and hear other people's ideas."

ADMINISTRATOR/LEAD TEACHER COMMENTS:

"We were excited about the opportunity to receive Professional Development in research-based methods that would increase our students' achievement. The idea that it was a 'continuum' that would span across all subjects for the remainder of the students' careers with our school division was what made this program unique."

