



VISIT A MODEL DIRECT INSTRUCTION SCHOOL

City Springs School (Rhonda Richetta, Principal)

Rhonda Richetta is the principal of City Springs Elementary/Middle School, a high-poverty school in Baltimore, Maryland with a student population that is 99% African American. City Springs School is a Baltimore City Public Charter School operated by the Baltimore Curriculum Project (BCP), a non-profit organization providing guidance to four public schools as they implement Direct Instruction (DI) (see below). Ms. Richetta is in her fifth year as principal of City Springs Elementary/Middle School.

During her term as principal, City Springs has made extraordinary gains in student achievement through the implementation of Direct Instruction (DI). Before Ms. Richetta became principal, almost all students at City Springs were functioning far below grade level. In 2007, only 26% of first through sixth graders were functioning *on grade level* in reading (even less in math). Through the full implementation of the DI model, City Springs reversed the downward trend in three years. In 2010, 72% were *on grade level* in reading. (See graphs on next page.)

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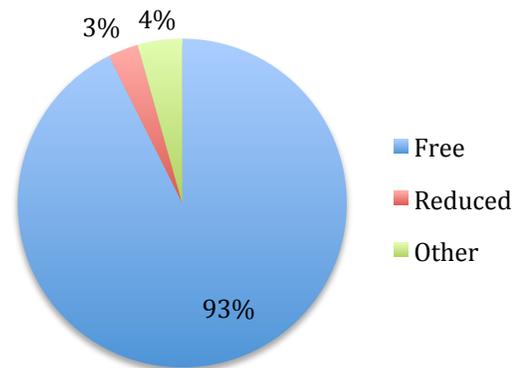
Baltimore Curriculum Project (Laura Doherty, President)

The Baltimore Curriculum Project (BCP) is a nonprofit organization that works in partnership with Baltimore City Schools to support four neighborhood charter schools in East Baltimore, including City Springs School. Although these four schools are charter schools, they remain open to neighborhood children. Any child living in or moving into a BCP school neighborhood may enroll at any time of the year, at any grade level, without applying through a lottery process. Under the guidance of the National Institute for Direct Instruction (NIFDI), BCP provides training and support in Direct Instruction to the four schools.

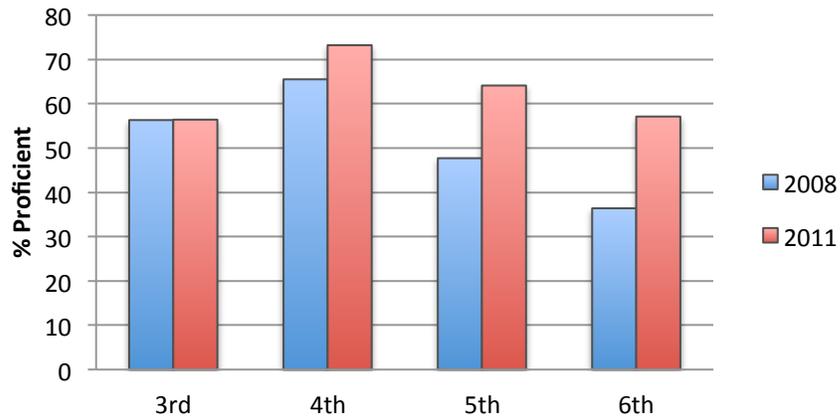
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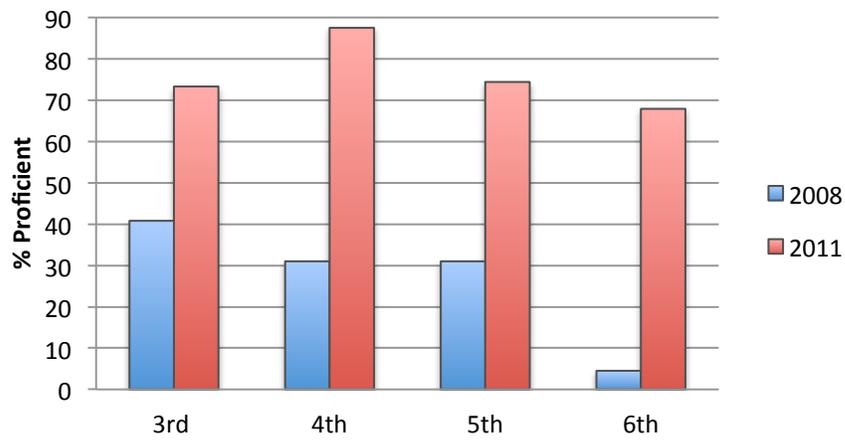
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