

Strong Fidelity of Implementation Leads to Increased Growth (2013)

Dothan City School District, AL

Quick Facts

Purchase Date: January 2012

Expansion Date: July 2012

Number of Schools: 15

Number of Students: 9,416

Background

Dothan City Schools purchased Classworks online instruction and assessment program in January 2012 for two elementary schools. District administrators felt it was important to try the product out on a smaller scale prior to purchasing for the entire district.

After just 6 months of use, Classworks was expanded to 15 schools across the district. Schools were given autonomy as to how they implemented the program; although the main focus district-wide was as a comprehensive Response to Intervention program.

Working Together

Starting with the first two elementary schools, Classworks Managed Services team worked closely with administrators in Dothan City Schools to oversee the training and implementation of Classworks. A close partnership and teamwork led to confidence that expansion to 15 schools would be smooth and successful.

District-level support and participation in the implementation and ongoing use of Classworks proved to be the key to success in the first year of Classworks use district-wide. Both teachers and administrators embraced the program and used the real-time data to guide instructional decisions throughout the school year.

Classworks Managed Services team has continued to train, coach, and mentor Dothan City Schools' educators. This trusted, ongoing relationship, combined with strong fidelity of implementation, has contributed to the success of Classworks in Dothan City Schools.



About Classworks

Classworks® award-winning instructional improvement system integrates instruction aligned to individual state standards and the Common Core State Standards with valid assessment, data management and goal-oriented professional learning. Classworks is the only curriculum solution of its kind that imports data directly from state-mandated assessments and uses that data to automatically assign Individualized Learning Paths based on student needs. The instructional software includes more than 10,000 searchable activities aligned to standards and tagged by learning style for differentiated instruction. For more information, please visit www.classworks.com.



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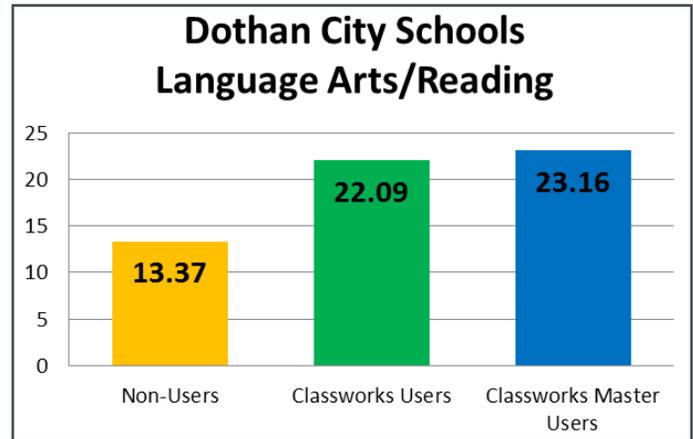
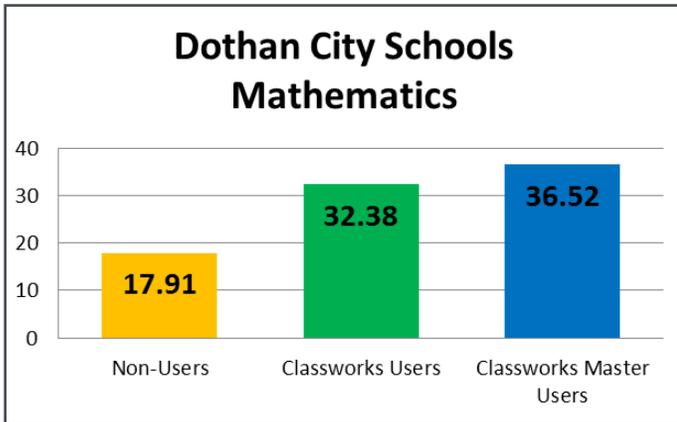
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Results

Dothan City Schools use Classworks Summative Benchmark Assessment to gauge student learning relative to content standards. Dothan administered the Benchmark as a pre-test at the beginning of the year, interim test during the year, and post-test at the end of the year.

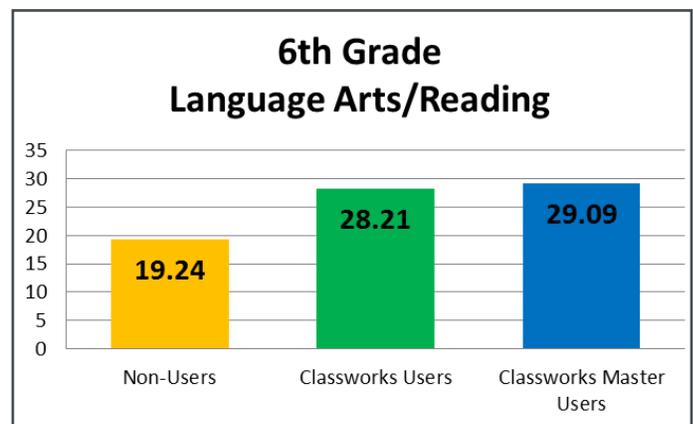
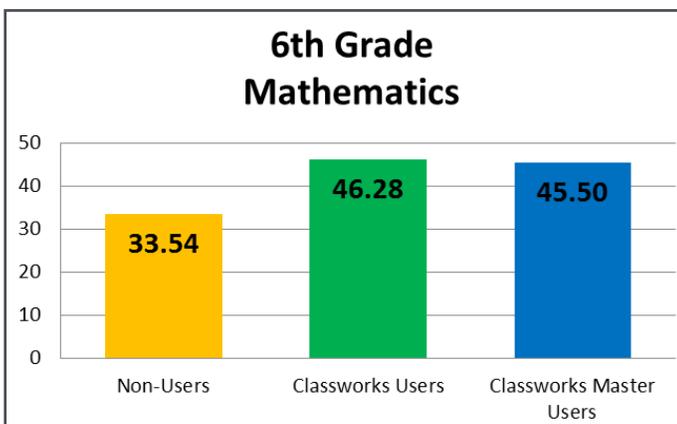
Below is the data summarizing the growth of students in Dothan City Schools using the Classworks Summative Benchmark Assessment data from the winter 2013 to spring 2013.

- In Mathematics, Non-Users increased by 17.91 points while **Classworks Users increased by 32.38 points and Classworks Master Users increased by 36.52.**
- In Language Arts/Reading, Non-Users increased by 13.37 points while **Classworks Users increased by 22.09 points and Classworks Master Users increased by 23.16.**



Grade Specific Results

While all grades celebrated success, the sometimes painful transition to middle school was avoided with especially strong results with the sixth grade. For Mathematics, the 6th grade **Classworks Users saw gains of over 12 points more than Non-Users.** An analysis of Language Arts/Reading scores revealed that 6th grade **Classworks Users had almost 9 points more growth than Non-Users.**



Definitions

Classworks Users: Student who logged at least 8 hours of instructional time in Classworks.

Non-Users: Student who did not meet the Classworks User threshold of 8 hours.

Classworks Master Users: Students who logged at least 8 hours of instructional time in Classworks and also have an average mastery level of 70% or higher.