Cerritos, CA

Highlights

– SpringBoard is used in ELA and Mathematics classrooms to support pre-AP preparation for all students.

– Teacher collaboration is a key factor in successful SpringBoard implementation.

– SpringBoard has been a major factor in raising student achievement for all demographic groups.

Demographics

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THE RESULTS

– Tetzlaff Middle School was recognized as a 2013 SpringBoard National Demonstration Site.

– Due to the success of the magnet program, student enrollment has increased from 500 to 640 students.

– Data from California’s Academic Performance Index (API) Reports indicate that Tetzlaff Middle School students gained more than 60 points since SpringBoard was introduced.

– In 2013, the school exceeded the state’s API goal of 800.

Note: The API measurement is based on student performance on state assessments that cross discipline areas including English Language Arts and Mathematics for all seventh- and eighth-graders and science and social studies for eighth-graders.

Academic Performance Index Gains for Subgroup Populations 2010–2013

– Since implementing SpringBoard, all Tetzlaff subpopulations have posted API gains.

– In recognition of its progress with all students, Tetzlaff Middle School was selected for a California Distinguished School Award. The Distinguished School program recognizes “exemplary and inspiring” public schools that have demonstrated significant gains in narrowing the achievement gap.
Reasons for Choosing SpringBoard®

– The inclusion of both fiction and nonfiction texts allows teachers to balance reading selections.

– A strong integrated writing component aligns with Common Core expectations.

– Engaging, hands-on activities create a student-centered learning environment.

– SpringBoard Embedded Assessments are aligned with local benchmark assessments so teachers don’t have to reinvent the wheel.

– Strategies allow all students to engage in rigorous learning experiences.

– SpringBoard activities foster a collaborative environment for students.

– Consumable texts focus students on what is really important, helps them organize their work in one place, and allows them to take ownership of their learning.

SPOTLIGHT ON COLLABORATION

Both school administrators and teachers report that collaboration has been the key factor in successful implementation.

– School administration negotiated with the district to use the SpringBoard curriculum as designed in order to meet district objectives.

– Teachers collaborate monthly on designated planning days throughout the year.

– Through common planning, teachers are able to work through issues and questions as they arise.

– SpringBoard strategies are used to support Tetzlaff’s schoolwide focus on writing.

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What Tetzlaff Teachers Are Reporting:

“My math students are showing greater perseverance and are more focused on problem solving.”

“All my students are rising to the challenge.”

“I love to see the increase in the use of precise academic vocabulary.”

“The SpringBoard real-life math situations make math come alive for my students.”

“The emphasis on frequent writing in a variety of modes and opportunities for reading interesting nonfiction texts prepares my students for the rigors of AP®.”

“SpringBoard’s collaborative culture is building a multiethnic group of friends who are comfortable with each other and interact well in my classroom.”

Crechena Wise
Principal, Tetzlaff Middle School

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