

San Benito Consolidated Independent School District

SAN BENITO, TEXAS

SCHOOL PROFILE

9,600 STUDENTS, GRADES K-12
85% Economically Disadvantaged
97% Hispanic, 3% White

LIGHTSPAN ACHIEVE NOW IMPLEMENTATION

Classroom/Home Deployment Model
Grades K-3, Began January 1999
Reading Focus

RESEARCH INSTRUMENTS

Texas Primary Reading Inventory (TPRI)

RESEARCH TIME FRAME

2001-02 School Year

STUDENTS MAKE GAINS ACCORDING TO TPRI

SAN BENITO PURCHASED LIGHTSPAN ACHIEVE NOW™ IN 1999 TO COMPLEMENT ITS INITIATIVE TO HAVE ALL STUDENTS READING ON GRADE LEVEL BY THE TIME THEY ENTER THIRD GRADE. DURING THE 2001-2002 SCHOOL YEAR, TEN SCHOOLS USED LIGHTSPAN ACHIEVE NOW™ IN THEIR READING PROGRAMS AND ASSESSED STUDENTS USING THE TEXAS PRIMARY READING INVENTORY (TPRI).

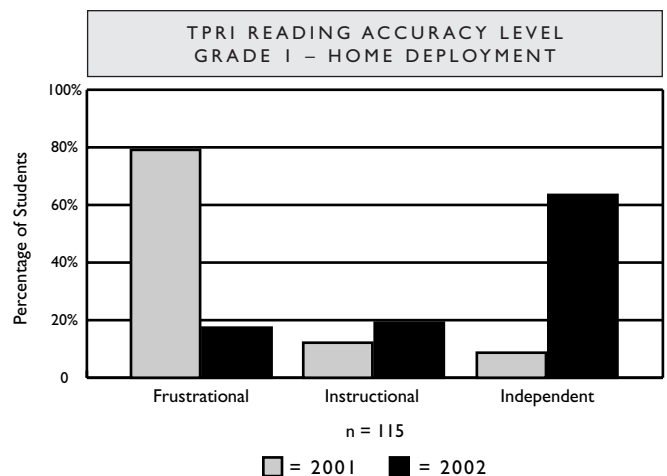
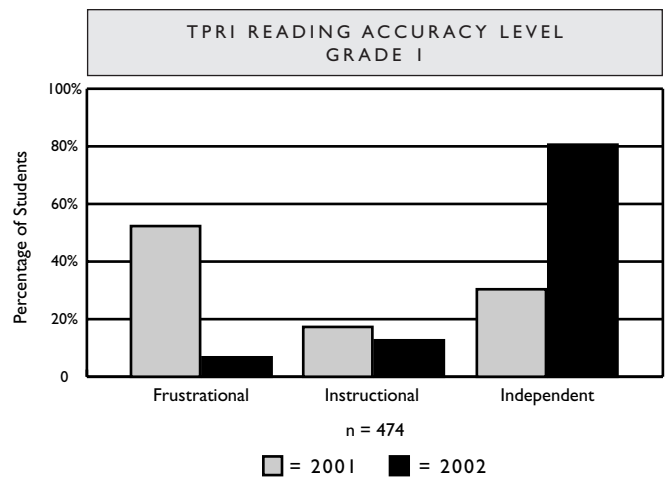
TPRI POST-TEST RESULTS REVEALED THAT 80.6% OF STUDENTS TESTED AS INDEPENDENT READERS AT THE END OF FIRST GRADE AND 77.28% TESTED AS INDEPENDENT READERS AT THE END OF SECOND GRADE.

SPANISH SPEAKING STUDENTS ALSO POSTED IMPRESSIVE GAINS. STUDENTS SCORING GREATER THAN 50% ON READING BOOKS ALOUD WITH UNDERSTANDING REVEALED 100% SUCCESS AT THE TIME OF THE POST TEST.

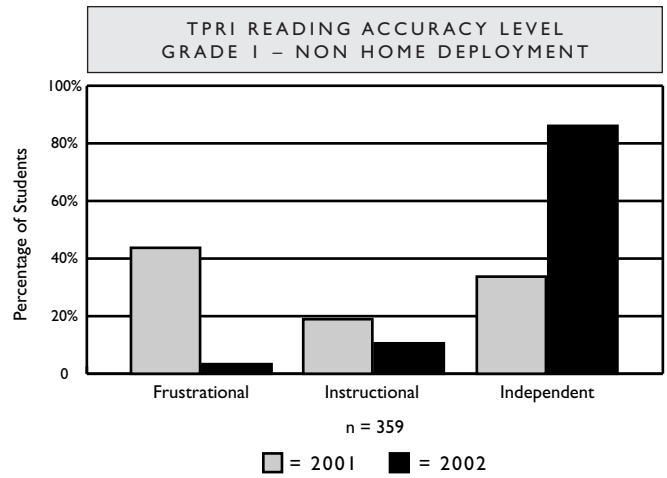
First Grade Students Show Improvement on TPRI.

The accuracy level of first grade students as indicated on the Texas Primary Reading Inventory (TPRI) indicated that the number of first grade students who were listed as frustrational readers dropped from 52.32% to only 6.75%. The number of first graders who were listed as instructional readers dropped from 17.3% to 12.66%. The number of first graders who were listed as independent readers made notable gains with an increase from 30.38% to 80.59%.

First grade students who participated in Home Deployment made gains in their accuracy levels. The number of students who were listed as frustrational dropped from 79.13% to 17.39%. The number of students listed as instructional rose from 12.17% to 19.13%. The number of students who were listed as independent readers rose from 8.7% to 63.48%, a notable gain.

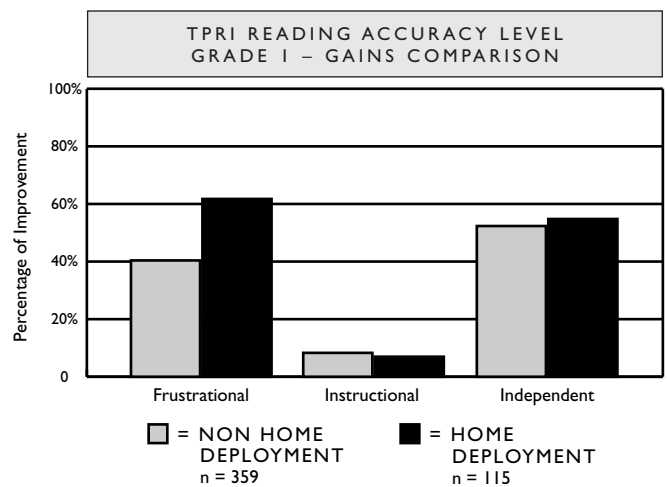


Non-home deployment Lightspan students made gains in their reading accuracy levels. The number of students who were listed as frustrational dropped from 43.73% to 3.34%. The number of students who were listed as instructional decreased from 18.94% to 10.58%. The number of students who were listed as independent readers rose from 33.73% to 86.07%.



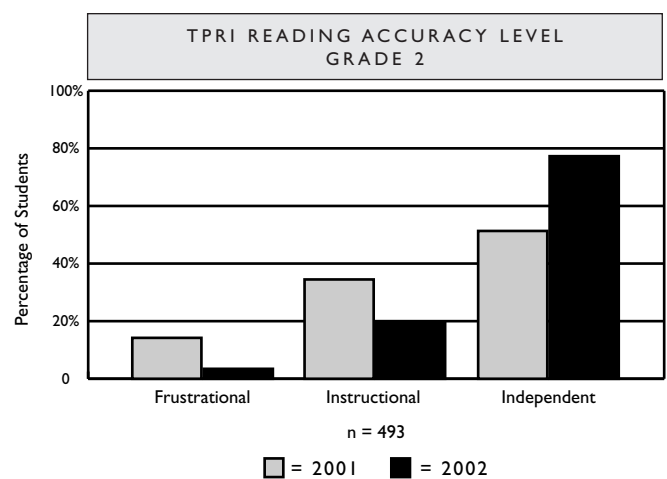
Notable gains made by Home Deployment students.

Home deployment students showed greater improvements in Reading Accuracy as measured by the TPRI. At the Frustrational level, home deployment students moved from 79.13% Frustrational to only 17.39%, an improvement of 61.74%, 21.35% greater than the improvement of 40.39% by non-home deployment students. In the area of Independent Readers, home deployment students increased 53.78% from 8.7% to 64.38% compared to an increase of 52.34% by non-home deployment students.

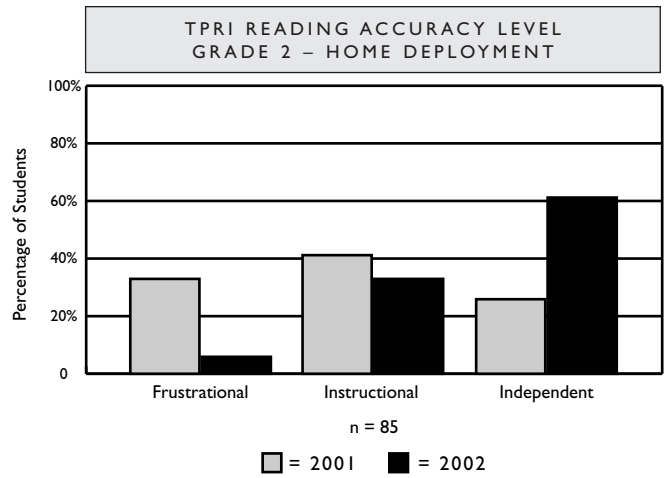


Second Grade Students Make Gains on TPRI

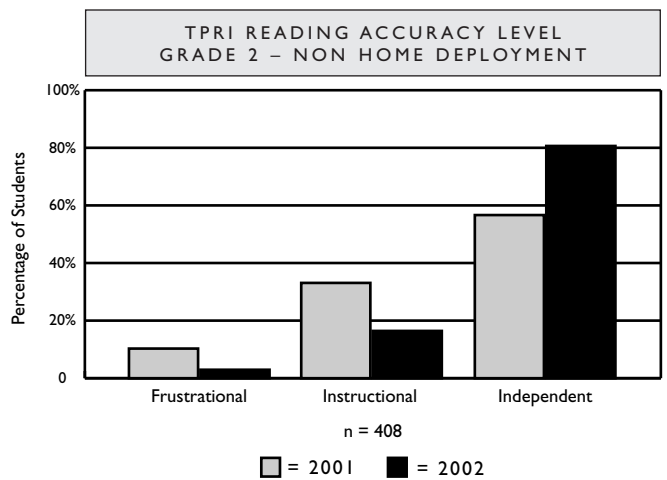
The accuracy level of second grade students as indicated on the Texas Primary Reading Inventory (TPRI) indicated that the number of second grade students who were listed as frustrational readers dropped from 14.2% to only 3.45%. The number of second graders who were listed as instructional readers dropped from 34.48% to 19.27%. The number of second graders who were listed as independent readers rose from 51.32% to 77.28%.



Second grade students who participated in home deployment made gains in their reading accuracy level. The number of students who were listed as frustrational dropped from 32.94% to 5.88%. The number of students listed as instructional decreased from 41.18% to 32.94%. The number of students who were listed as independent readers rose from 25.88% to 61.18%.

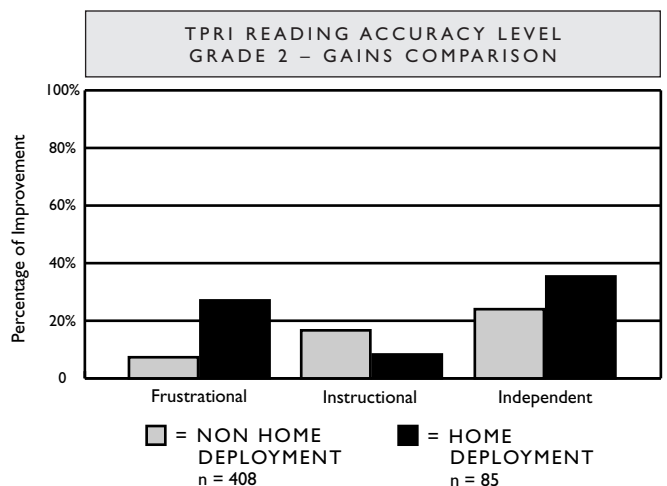


Second grade students who did not participate in home deployment made gains in their reading accuracy levels. The number of students who were listed as frustrational dropped from 10.29% to 2.94%. The number of students who were listed as instructional decreased from 33.09% to 16.42%. The number of students who were listed as independent students who were listed as independent readers rose from 56.62% to 80.64%.



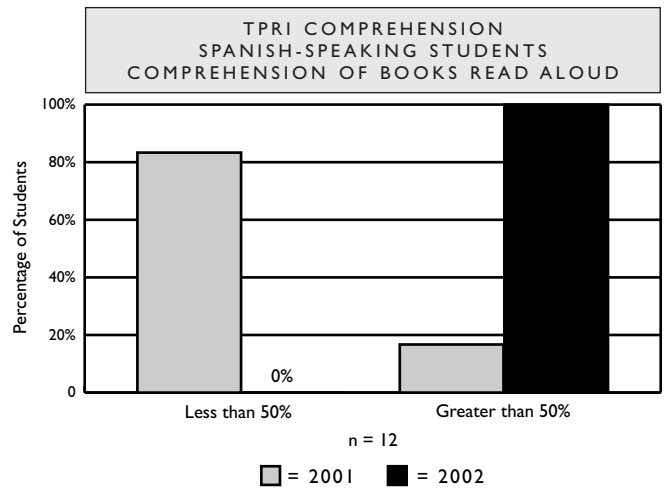
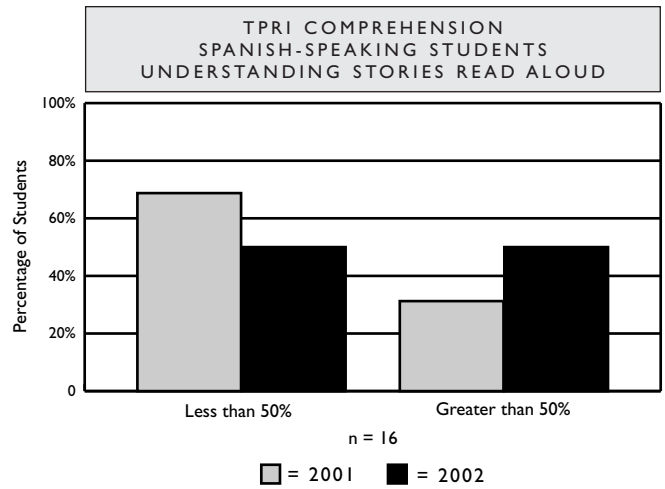
Second-grade Home Deployment students make impressive gains

Home deployment students showed greater improvements in Reading Accuracy as measured by the TPRI. At the Frustrational level, home deployment students moved from 32.94% Frustrational to only 5.88% Frustrational, an improvement of 27.06%...19.73% greater than the 7.33% improvement made by non-home deployment students. In the area of Independent Readers, home deployment students increased from 25.88% to 61.18%, a sizeable increase of 35.38%...11.36% greater than the 24.02% improvement by non-home deployment students.



Spanish-Speaking Students Show Notable Improvement in Comprehension.

Lightspan Spanish-speaking students who achieved less than 50% accuracy with stories read aloud decreased from 68.75% to 50%. Students achieving greater than 50% accuracy understanding stories read aloud increased from 31.25% to 50%. Students reading books aloud with understanding less than 50% decreased from 83.3% to 0% while the percentage of students scoring greater than 50% increased from 16.7% to 100%.



San Benito Independent School District Background

Located in the center of the Rio Grande Valley in Texas, San Benito is flanked by Mexico on the west and the Gulf of Mexico on the east. Of the 9,600 students enrolled in this district, 97% are Hispanic and 85% are economically disadvantaged. Through the use of new technologies and differentiated instruction San Benito is trying to detail a strong educational curriculum in an attempt to graduate students who will be “life long learners” by guaranteeing a quality education that includes a strong curriculum, individualized instruction, innovative technology, and a positive learning environment that is developed and nurtured by risk-taking, cultural diversity, loyalty, and collegiality.

The district consists of 14 schools, 10 of which are Elementary Schools using Lightspan Achieve Now™ in all classrooms from Kindergarten through Fifth Grade. By partnering with Lightspan, the district has created an environment where students, parents, and teachers are active partners in the learning process. In January 1999, San Benito CISD purchased Lightspan Achieve Now™ to support its initiative to ensure that all students are able to read at grade level upon their entry into the third grade. The Lightspan Achieve Now™ K–2 curriculum was purchased with a focus to provide instructional support for every Kindergarten through Third Grade student who had been identified as reading at the Texas Primary Inventory (TPRI) frustrational level. Kindergarten through third grade teachers have used their licenses to create a Lightspan Teacher Learning Station in their classrooms. The direct instruction model is used with all students. The learning station is also used as a learning center in the classroom, whereby students rotate to the station during their Reading/Language Arts block. In Spring 2002, Lightspan Achieve Now was added to the 4th and 5th grade classrooms.

The implementation continues to be driven by a Reading focus. However, there is an expansion to include a focus on the Language Arts and Math curriculum. New teachers have been trained to ensure they are prepared to implement Lightspan into their classrooms. Experienced Lightspan teachers have also received additional training, including a workshop aligning Lightspan materials with the SBCISD framework. Home Deployment began in the schools in November 2001.

San Benito students are excelling, and evidence of this is seen in the significant gains made on the 2001–02 Texas Assessment of Academic Skills Test. The school district has merited State Recognized honors from the Texas Education Agency for the seventh consecutive year.

School Program Background

Dr. Cash Elementary has a total of 544 students in grades pre-K to 5. Of those students, 98% are Hispanic and 82% are Economically Disadvantaged. 62% are considered At-Risk. Students in Kindergarten through second grade are using Lightspan Achieve Now. Cash Elementary is highly committed to deliver and enhance education in the form of instruction, guidance and support for all students served by the Dr. Cash School as evidenced through increased attendance, achievement, and parental/family involvement. Through this effort, they believe they will ensure that all students will overcome their limitations and become successful life-long learners. Dr. Cash Elementary has been rated an “Exemplary” campus by the Texas Education Agency.

18 Lightspan Achieve Now™ Teacher Licenses and 102 Student Licenses were purchased for Dr. Cash Elementary.

Downs Elementary has a total of 530 students in grades pre-K to 5. Of those students, 90% are Hispanic and 60% are Economically Disadvantaged. 26% are considered At-Risk. Students in Kindergarten through second grade are using Lightspan Achieve Now. Ed Downs Elementary is committed to excellence in instruction, student performance, and a curriculum that provides a rich array of opportunities for individual instruction, innovative technology, and a nurturing, quality environment. Each individual child on their campus has the unlimited potential for success. Through teamwork, commitment, and dedication, the staff creates a nurturing, innovative environment which can ensure the individual growth of each child to adapt to future challenges. Ed Downs Elementary has been rated an “Exemplary” campus by the Texas Education Agency.

20 Lightspan Achieve Now™ Teacher Licenses and 152 Student Licenses were purchased for Ed Downs Elementary.

Dr. Raul Garza, Jr. Elementary has a total of 489 students in grades pre-K to 5. Of those students, 98% are Hispanic and 86% are Economically Disadvantaged. 65% are considered At-Risk. Students in Kindergarten through second grade are using Lightspan Achieve Now. It is the mission of the Dr. Raul Garza, Jr. Elementary learning community to bring forth the “ganas” of all students to be life long learners by nurturing a positive learning environment. It is the vision of the learning community at Dr. Garza to be committed to working together to inspire individual success. The successes become the “ganas” to conquer tomorrow’s challenges, today. The school’s motto is: Challenge Today. Conquer Tomorrow, Success For All! Dr. Garza Elementary has been rated an “Exemplary” campus by the Texas Education Agency.

16 Lightspan Achieve Now™ Teacher Licenses and 111 Student Licenses were purchased for Dr. Raul Garza, Jr. Elementary.

La Encantada Elementary has a total of 476 students in grades pre-K to 5. Of those students, 99% are Hispanic and 95% are Economically Disadvantaged. 76% are considered At-Risk. The mission of La Encantada is to provide a well balanced curriculum in a positive learning environment that fosters the academic, physical, social and emotional growth of every student which would in turn produce life long learners. Their belief statement reads, “At our school, we are determined to challenge students to become all they can be.” A caring, dedicated school staff, working as a team, makes the difference for every student. La Encantada Elementary has been rated a “Recognized” campus by the Texas Education Agency.

11 Lightspan Achieve Now™ Teacher Licenses and 112 Student Licenses were purchased for La Encantada Elementary.

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Fred Booth Elementary has a total of 678 students in grades pre-K to 5. Of those students, 99% are Hispanic and 79% are Economically Disadvantaged. 67% are considered At-Risk. Students in Kindergarten through second grade are using Lightspan Achieve Now. The mission of Fred Booth Elementary is Teaching and Learning to meet tomorrow's challenges. Their vision statement reads, "All students are life long learners" and their motto states that they work together to prepare, provide, and promote the needs of all students. Fred Booth Elementary has been rated a "Recognized" campus by the Texas Education Agency. 21 Lightspan Achieve Now™ Teacher Licenses and 171 Student Licenses were purchased for Fred Booth Elementary.

La Paloma Elementary has a total of 565 students in grades pre-K to 5. Of those students, 99% are Hispanic and 92% are Economically Disadvantaged. 64% are considered At-Risk. Students in Kindergarten through second grade are using Lightspan Achieve Now. The mission of La Paloma Elementary is to produce life-long learners. They strive to ensure a quality education by providing a strong curriculum, individualized instruction, and innovative technology. They foster a secure and positive learning environment that is developed and nurtured by risk-taking, ownership, cultural diversity, loyalty, and collegiality. La Paloma Elementary has been rated an "Exemplary" campus by the Texas Education Agency. 14 Lightspan Achieve Now™ Teacher Licenses and 98 Student Licenses were purchased for La Paloma Elementary.

Landrum Elementary has a total of 358 students in grades pre-K to 5. Of those students, 98% are Hispanic and 87% are Economically Disadvantaged. 60% are considered At-Risk. Students in Kindergarten through second grade are using Lightspan Achieve Now. The mission of Landrum Elementary is that every student will acquire the academic skills, confidence and desire to become graduates and life long learners. Landrum Elementary has been rated an "Exemplary" campus by the Texas Education Agency. 14 Lightspan Achieve Now™ Teacher Licenses and 67 Student Licenses were purchased for Landrum Elementary.

Rangerville Elementary has a total of 473 students in grades pre-K to 5. Of those students, 96% are Hispanic and 90% are Economically Disadvantaged. 52% are considered At-Risk. Students in Kindergarten through second grade are using Lightspan Achieve Now. It is the mission of Rangerville Elementary to produce lifelong learners willing to accept challenges by providing an innovative curriculum and a positive learning environment. Rangerville Elementary has been rated a "Recognized" campus by the Texas Education Agency.

11 Lightspan Achieve Now™ Teacher Licenses and 118 Student Licenses were purchased for Rangerville Elementary.

Frank Roberts Elementary has a total of 400 students in grades pre-K to 5. Of those students, 97% are Hispanic and 90% are Economically Disadvantaged. 64% are considered At-Risk. Students in Kindergarten through second grade are using Lightspan Achieve Now. Frank Roberts is committed to challenging and igniting students' minds by providing a quality education that produces life-long learners, promotes a spirit of excellence, and instills a sense of positive citizenship. Frank Roberts Elementary has been rated a "Recognized" campus by the Texas Education Agency.

14 Lightspan Achieve Now™ Teacher Licenses and 107 Student Licenses were purchased for Frank Roberts Elementary.

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Sullivan Elementary has a total of 390 students in grades pre-K to 5. Of those students, 99% are Hispanic and 88% are Economically Disadvantaged. 70% are considered At-Risk. Students in Kindergarten through second grade are using Lightspan Achieve Now. The mission of Sullivan Elementary is to provide a quality education in the form of life-long learning experiences to ensure every child reaches his/her maximum potential. Sullivan Elementary has been rated an “Exemplary” campus by the Texas Education Agency.

16 Lightspan Achieve Now™ Teacher Licenses and 77 Student Licenses were purchased for Sullivan Elementary.



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