Utilizing Summative Assessments To Inform Instruction

H.C. Crittenden Middle School Armonk, New York

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School Facts

- H. C. Crittenden Middle School
 655 students, grades 6-8
 Suburban Community north of New York City
- Staff teams are interdisciplinary and composed of 82 staff members

Essential Elements for a Middle School

Philosophy and mission

A comprehensive educational program

- A supportive organization and structure
- Appropriate classroom instruction
- Educational leadership that builds partnerships
- Network of support for students
- Professional development

Data Analysis Process Grades 6-8



Stage One:

Review assessment data Determine strengths, weaknesses and trends Develop improvement goals

Stage Two: Celebrate past accomplishments Share goals and strategies for the school year Reflect about improvement

Stage Three: Generate and implement concrete improvement strategies Establish assessments relative to goals to check for progress

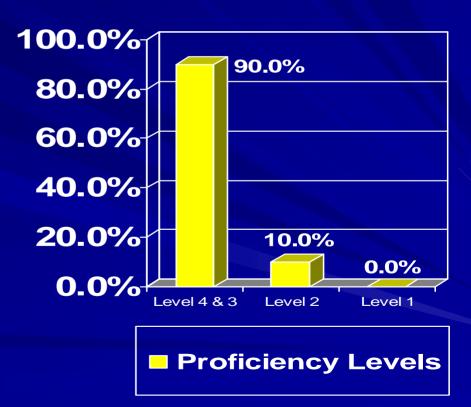
Stage Four: Faculty shares successful lessons, instructional strategies and best practices

Stage Five: Administer end of year assessments Compile data on students for review Review success of improvement strategies

2005 ELA Grade 8 Results

90% of students met or exceeded state standards (proficiency levels of 3 or 4) 10% of students did not meet state standards (proficiency level 2)

0% of students at proficiency level 1



How Did We Get There?

- Cohort of students scored below proficiency level on 2003 and 2004 test results
- Cohort of students received academic intervention services based upon 2003 and 2004 ELA test results

87% of cohort scored at proficiency level on 2005 ELA exam after intervention services

NYS ELA Summary



Language Arts Program and Curriculum Improvements

 Integrated Language Program
 Writer's Workshop
 Enhanced Curriculum through Enrichment Programs
 Enhanced Curriculum through ATLAS Curriculum Mapping

Data Analysis Means . . .

Utilizing Assessment to inform instruction

H. C. Crittenden Middle School maintains student performance on state tests in top 10% for New York State

