



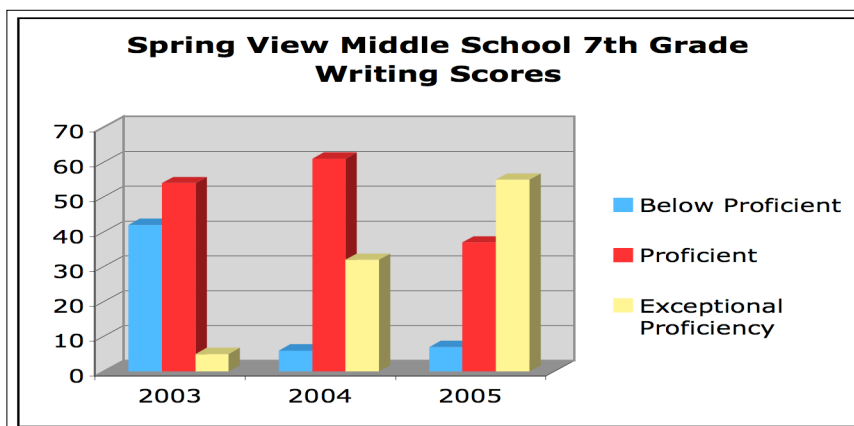
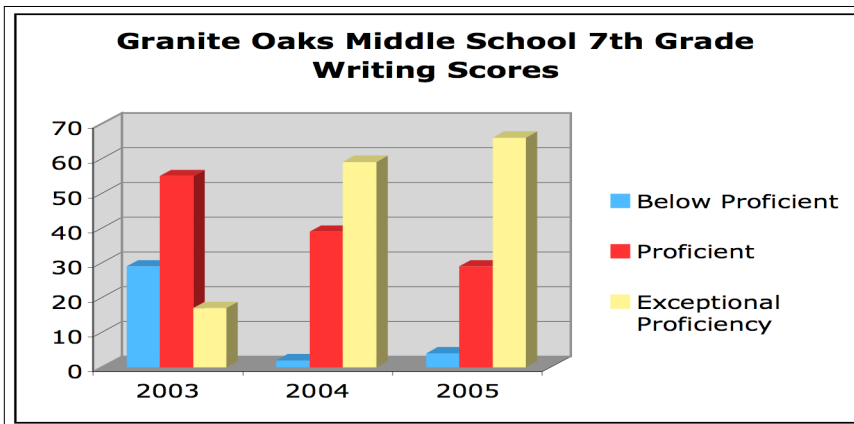
INSTITUTE FOR  
**Excellence in Writing**  
An effective method for teaching writing skills



District Size: 9 Elementary Schools (K-6)  
2 Middle Schools (7-8)

**Question: Can switching to Excellence in Writing actually improve students' test scores?**

**Answer: YES!**



A 2003-2005 study from Rocklin, California shows that 7<sup>th</sup> grade students who were introduced to the Excellence in Writing process in their 4-6<sup>th</sup> grade years scored significantly higher than those tested previously.

- 2001 Excellence in Writing adopted for 4<sup>th</sup> grade in all nine elementary schools
- 2002 Initial group of 4<sup>th</sup> grade students in 5<sup>th</sup> grade
- 2003 Initial group of 4<sup>th</sup> grade students in 6<sup>th</sup> grade
- 2004 Initial group of 4<sup>th</sup> grade students in 7<sup>th</sup> grade
- 2005 Second group of 4<sup>th</sup> grade students in 7<sup>th</sup> grade

In 2003, 36% of 7<sup>th</sup> grade students in both schools combined were below proficient in writing, as determined by California State standards.

In 2004 & 2005, only 4-5% were below proficient. Corresponding increases in proficiency levels can be seen, indicating a dramatic overall improvement in students with several years of consistently applied instruction with the process.