



# LA VEGA INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL H.P. MILES CAMPUS

Waco, Texas

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ENTERPRISE

*"I have been a user of the SuccessMaker Enterprise program for many years. I was first introduced to the program when I was a middle school principal. At that time, my campus had significant academic challenges. We nurtured and developed a team of outstanding staff, yet we still needed additional resources to help meet the needs of our students.*

*SuccessMaker Enterprise was the one resource we secured that fully complemented the classroom teacher. With a dedicated and committed team of administrators, teachers and support staff, we were able to realize the full potential of SuccessMaker Enterprise. With the program our instructional team identifies academic gaps in students' learning and helps to fill them.*

*As a district administrator, I feel a sense of peace when I know that classroom teachers are being provided a support resource, such as SuccessMaker Enterprise, that is capable of meeting the specific and diverse needs of each child simultaneously."*

— Dr. Sharon Shields  
superintendent

## PROFILE

**School District:** La Vega Independent School District

**District Enrollment:** 2,751 students

**School Enrollment:** 605 students

**Grades:** 4-6

**Economically Disadvantaged:** 84 percent

**Ethnicity:**

- 43% Hispanic
- 31% Caucasian
- 25% African American
- 1% Other

## CHALLENGE

Among the top concerns at La Vega Intermediate School were low state test scores across the board and limited exposure to objectives covered in the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Science. La Vega needed a digital solution and service that aligned with state objectives to increase students' test scores.

## SOLUTION

La Vega implemented Pearson Digital's SuccessMaker® Enterprise in 2005. Every fourth and fifth grade student spends 30 minutes each day on the SuccessMaker Enterprise program in a lab setting with the teacher and lab manager present. Daily lessons focus on math concepts and skills, reading adventures, reading adventure skills, and science discovery. All SuccessMaker Enterprise workstations utilize the Windows platform.

Pearson Digital and La Vega Intermediate School have partnered together to overcome the challenges that La Vega faced. SuccessMaker Enterprise training was provided to all teachers and staff members and Pearson Digital's educational consultants are always available as a resource to answer questions.

## RESULTS

La Vega Intermediate School generated reports to see the gains that students were making and that objectives were being mastered. The reports have

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*“During the 2004–2005 school year, our students’ scores were low and teachers were not buying into any intervention program. Thanks to Pearson Digital and the training on SuccessMaker Enterprise they provided, our campus was able to remove the ‘academically unacceptable’ rating. SuccessMaker Enterprise is now one of the major motivational forces for student achievement. Our lab manager offered a variety of incentive strategies. Teachers made the buy-in once they were able to run reports and design specific tutorial programs to meet the needs of each student. Our gains in TAKS reading in 2005–2006 were so great that we were awarded the Gold Performance Award Acknowledgement for Comparable Gains in Reading. We appreciate what this program did and continues to do by complementing our curriculum and inspiring our students.”*

— **Bonnie McRae**  
principal

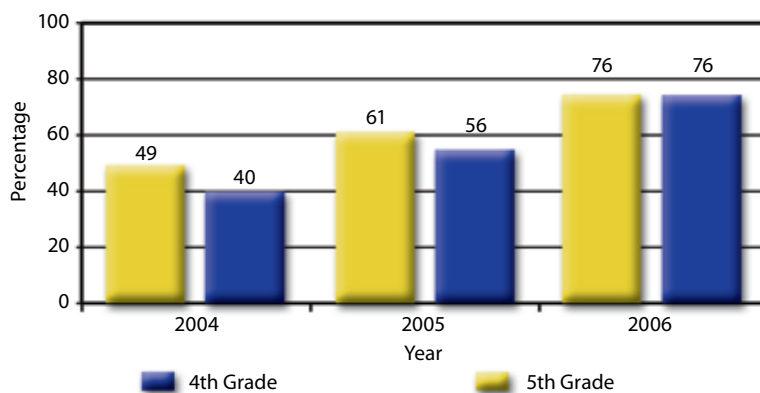
*“The program is very learner centered and easy to use. My favorite aspect of SuccessMaker Enterprise is the ability to generate multiple reports.”*

— **Alisha Mathews**  
special education resource teacher

### RESULTS (Continued)

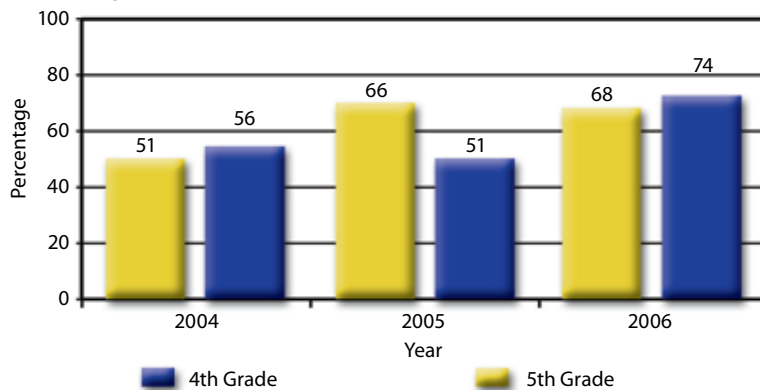
shown positive results in the first year after implementation! The students enjoy learning and their scores on the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) are significantly higher. As depicted in the graph below, the 2006 Math TAKS scores of fourth and fifth grade students significantly increased—by an average of 31 percent since 2004.

#### Math TAKS Scores



The 2006 Reading TAKS scores of fourth and fifth grade students increased by an average of 18 percent since 2004, as illustrated in the graph below.

#### Reading TAKS Scores



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*"We are very pleased to have SuccessMaker Enterprise on our campus. With the implementation support that the Pearson staff has given us, our students showed great gains this past year in reading, science and math instruction. We were able to target each student's weak areas and made tremendous strides on our TAKS scores."*

**— Kristi Rizo**  
*instructional facilitator*

*"I have seen a miraculous turn in the attitude of the students using the SuccessMaker Enterprise program. They are eager to work through the lessons, complete the assignments, and master the objectives. Our lab has become such a fun place to learn.. I am consistently running out of prizes given for excellent work. That is a good problem to have."*

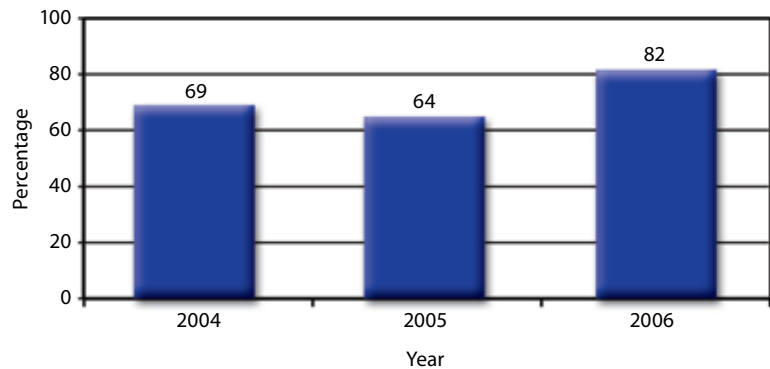
**— Michael Babers**  
*lab instructor*

*"I have observed firsthand how the students benefited from all areas of the SuccessMaker Enterprise program. It broadened their knowledge of basic science, which is reflected on our TAKS scores."*

**— Marc Almond**  
*fifth grade science teacher*

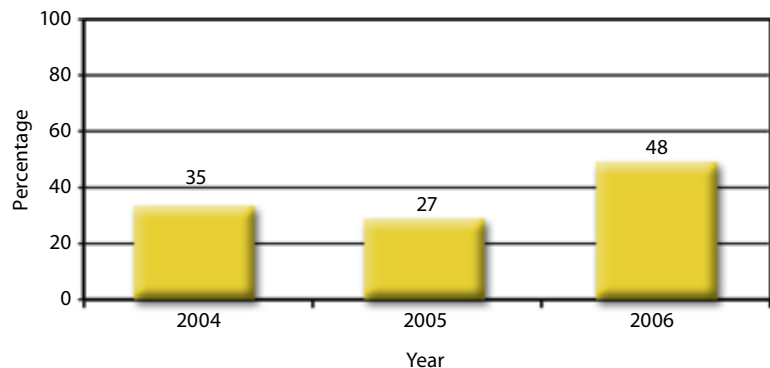
The 2006 Writing and Science TAKS scores have also increased. Writing skills of fourth grade students and science skills of fifth grade students increased by an average of 13 percent, as illustrated in the graphs below.

### Writing TAKS Scores – Fourth Grade



The 2006 Reading TAKS scores of fourth and fifth grade students increased by an average of 18 percent since 2004, as illustrated in the graph below.

### Science TAKS Scores – Fifth Grade



Students at La Vega continue to show improvement from grade to grade using the SuccessMaker Enterprise program, and even greater gains are expected in the years to come!