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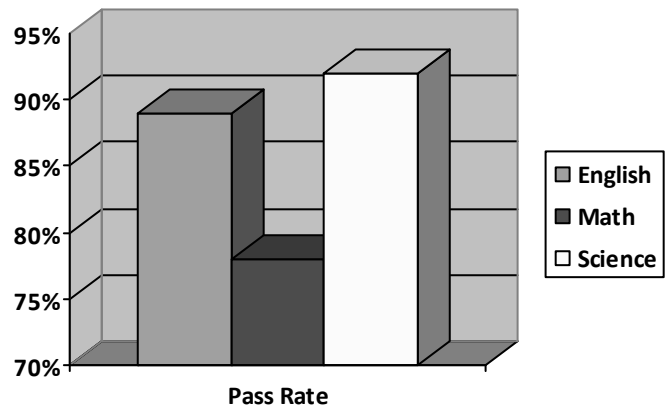
Lee County’s experience with QTL allowed the district to become more unified. It also helped teachers incorporate benchmark testing so they could understand the gaps in student learning and take corrective action *before* end-of-year testing. The benchmark tests provided teachers with fresh student data that enabled them to differentiate their instruction to increase student learning.

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Based on Spring 2006 Standard of Learning (Virginia’s State Testing) results, Lee County Public Schools made AYP for the 2006-07 school year. Graduation continues to be an area of concern, as the district has a 70% graduation rate. But student achievement has steadily risen.

Lee County DIVISION SUMMARY

Data released for 2006 shows impressive gains in district averages (shown at right). For English, the district scored an 89% pass rate. For Math, the rate was 78%, and for Science, 92%



Data Driven Research

The QTL experience taught teachers to examine student data in meaningful new ways. With guidance from QTL, teachers were able to identify specific student needs from that data.

Common Vocabulary

QTL helped teachers and administrators create a common vocabulary which allowed them to discuss instructional needs. By providing a common understanding of the instructional strategies and how they should look in the classroom, QTL armed teachers and administrators with new tools to increase their performance.

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ELEMENTARY SCHOOL RESULTS

- All schools accredited and made AYP.
- Grades 3 and 5 English –six of nine schools scored more than 90% pass rates.
- In Math, three schools scored above 90% and only one met minimum standards.
- In History, two schools scored 100% pass rates.
- In Science, five schools scored perfect pass rates.

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MIDDLE SCHOOL RESULTS

- Jonesville Middle, who had been warned in Math for multiple years, scored 82% pass rates in Math along with 91% in English, 87% in History and 91% in Science.
- The district’s other middle school, Pennington, also had struggled with accreditation, but by 2006 recorded an 88% pass rate in English, 84% in Math, 89% in History and 87% in Science.

HIGH SCHOOL RESULTS

- The two high schools saw tremendous improvement in pass rates. Lee High scored a 90% pass rate for English, 82% in Math, 97% in History and 91% for Science.
- Thomas Walker High achieved an 88% pass rate in English, 84% in Math, 89% in History and 87% in Science.

WHAT LEE COUNTY EDUCATORS SAY ABOUT THEIR IMPROVED STATUS

“QTL brought about a Radical Change! It improved classroom instruction. The state assistance team pointed out at the start that our schools were not sharing their best practices. QTL brought us together”
Gary McCann, Title I Supervisor

“We were the first school division in Virginia to a Corrective Action Plan for division improvement. I congratulate all the teachers, administrators and support staff who worked hard to bring us to this level of achievement.”
Fred Marion, Lee Co. Superintendent

“This is a testament to what schools can do because it only took them two years to do it.”
Dr. Billy Cannaday, Virginia State Superintendent