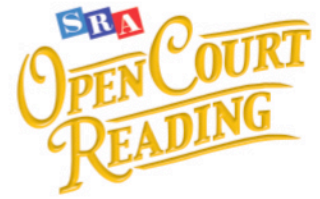




About the District:		About the Students:	
Grades:	K-12	African American:	4%
Number of Students:	9,700	Caucasian:	43%
Test(s):	API / CST	Hispanic:	33%
Reduced Price Lunch:	62%	Asian:	10%
ELL:	27%	Native American:	5%
		Other:	5%



Northern California School's API Scores Improve Dramatically with SRA Open Court Reading

The Academic Performance Index (API) has consistently increased in the Marysville Joint Unified School District, among all students and subgroups of students, thanks in part to SRA/McGraw-Hill's *Open Court Reading*. The API, which measures student academic achievement, is a numeric index ranging from a low of 200 to a high of 1,000. The state set 800 as the score schools and districts should strive to meet.

Open Court Reading began in fall 1999 in Grades K-5. The district used a balanced literacy program prior to *Open Court Reading*, which resulted in teachers bringing different teaching approaches into their classrooms. Lennie Tate, the district's executive director of educational services, said *Open Court Reading* enables teachers to share the same academic language by guiding them through teaching the fundamentals of reading in a standards-based format.

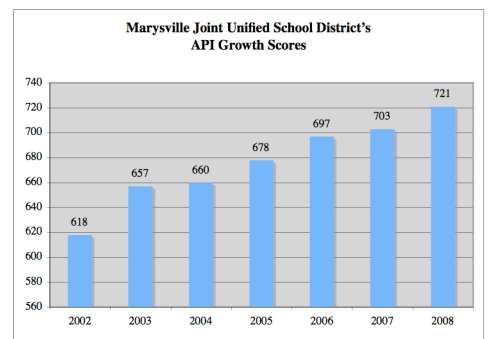
"*Open Court Reading* gives teachers, especially teachers new to K-6 English Language Arts instruction, direction and focus," she explained. "Having a common academic language enables them to share tips and collaborate on strategies."

Collaboration among teachers works well for students in this district. When Grade 4 scores on the California Standards Test (CST) are compared from 2003 to 2007, some subgroups of students more than doubled their scores.

About Marysville Joint Unified School District
Serving more than 9,700 students in Grades K-12, this district's student population is 43% Caucasian, 33% Hispanic, 10% Asian, 5% Native American, 4% African American, and 5% multicultural. Sixty-two percent of students qualify for free or reduced-price lunch, and 27% are English Language Learners. For more information, please visit MJUSK.K12.ca.us.

For More Information

If you would like to learn more about success with *Open Court Reading* in your school or district, please contact us today at **1-888-SRA-4543**.



Open Court Reading began in fall 1999. API scores for districts are not available prior to 2002.

