

Anson Middle School

ANSON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANSON, TEXAS

SCHOOL PROFILE

195 STUDENTS, GRADES 6–8
62% Free/Reduced Lunch
64% White, 34% Hispanic,
2% African-American

LIGHTSPAN ACHIEVE NOW IMPLEMENTATION

Classroom/Family Homework Model
Grade 6, Began September 2001
100% Home Deployment
Reading/Language Arts Focus

RESEARCH INSTRUMENTS

Texas Assessment of Academic Skills (TAAS)
Slosson Oral Reading Test (SORT-R)

RESEARCH TIME FRAME

2001–02 School Year

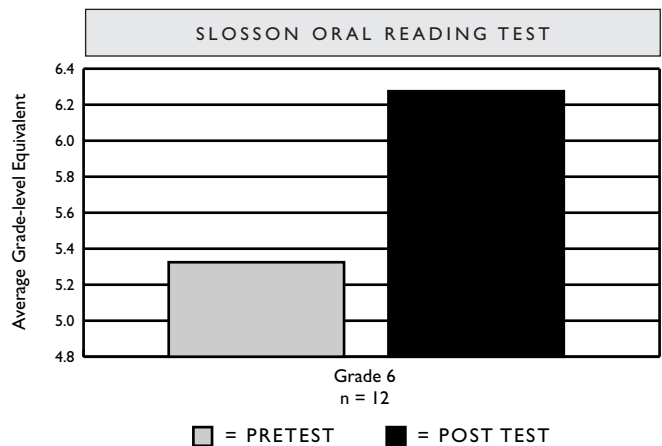
IMPRESSIVE GROWTH REALIZED BY SIXTH-GRADE STUDENTS IN READING/LANGUAGE ARTS

DURING THE 2001–02 SCHOOL YEAR, SIXTH-GRADE STUDENTS AT ANSON MIDDLE SCHOOL USING LIGHTSPAN ACHIEVE NOW™ DEMONSTRATED SIGNIFICANT GROWTH IN READING/LANGUAGE ARTS. A SIMPLE COMPARISON OF AVERAGE PRE- AND POST-TEST SCORES ON THE SLOSSON ORAL READING TEST (SORT-R) REVEALED A SIGNIFICANT GRADE-LEVEL EQUIVALENT IMPROVEMENT OF 0.95. IN ADDITION, THE STUDENTS IN GRADE 6 REALIZED A GAIN OF 0.34 TEXAS LEARNING INDEX (TLI) POINTS ON THE TEXAS ASSESSMENT OF ACADEMIC SKILLS (TAAS).

STUDENTS WERE TESTED USING THE SORT-R AND TAAS TESTS BEFORE AND AFTER THE LIGHTSPAN ACHIEVE NOW™ IMPLEMENTATION TO MEASURE ACADEMIC PROGRESS.

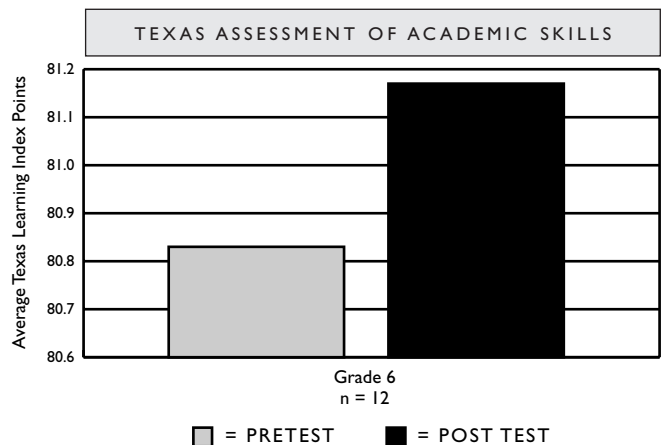
Sixth-grade students make significant improvement in Reading/Language Arts on SORT-R test

Sixth-grade students using the Lightspan Achieve Now™ curriculum demonstrated a significant gain ($p < .05$) of 0.95 in Reading, improving their pre-test average grade-level equivalent of 5.325 to a post-test average grade-level equivalent of 6.275 on the Slosson Oral Reading Test.



Students in grade 6 display strong gains in Reading/Language Arts on TAAS test

Sixth-grade students using Lightspan Achieve Now™ curriculum realized an average increase of 0.34 Texas Learning Index (TLI) points in Reading, raising their pre-test average of 80.83 TLI points to a post-test average of 81.17 TLI points on the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills.



Anson Middle School Background

Anson Middle School is located in Anson, Texas and serves 175 students in grades 6–8. A Reading Excellence Grant provided funding for the Lightspan Achieve Now™ program. The goal of implementation was to extend the learning time at home through parental involvement, increase the quality of homework, and increase family knowledge of how to help their children academically. The classroom teaching objectives were aligned to the Lightspan Achieve Now™ curriculum based on student assessment of phonemic awareness, fluent reading in a variety of texts, comprehension strategies, vocabulary development, decoding strategies and word analysis.

During the 2001–02 school year, the Lightspan program was used with an emphasis in reading/language arts by targeted sixth graders who have been determined as struggling readers. Selected students used Lightspan Achieve Now™ in learning centers three times per week for 45 minutes a session. Students were also assigned homework of specified Lightspan games three times a week with a minimum of 30 minutes a session. Students were then assessed with progress check sheets to examine comprehension and success with those CDs.



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