

# How Modern Classrooms Boost Student Achievement

Game Design Development School, Burleson, TX

Modern Classrooms Project



## Improved Student Proficiency through Schoolwide Implementation

In the spring of 2021, leaders at the Game Development Design School (GDDS) committed to implementing [Modern Classrooms instructional model](#) schoolwide. One year later, GDDS had seen big changes in teacher instruction and significant growth in schoolwide student achievement scores.

Here's what GDDS leaders Crystal Deaver and Josh White believe made the schoolwide implementation successful:

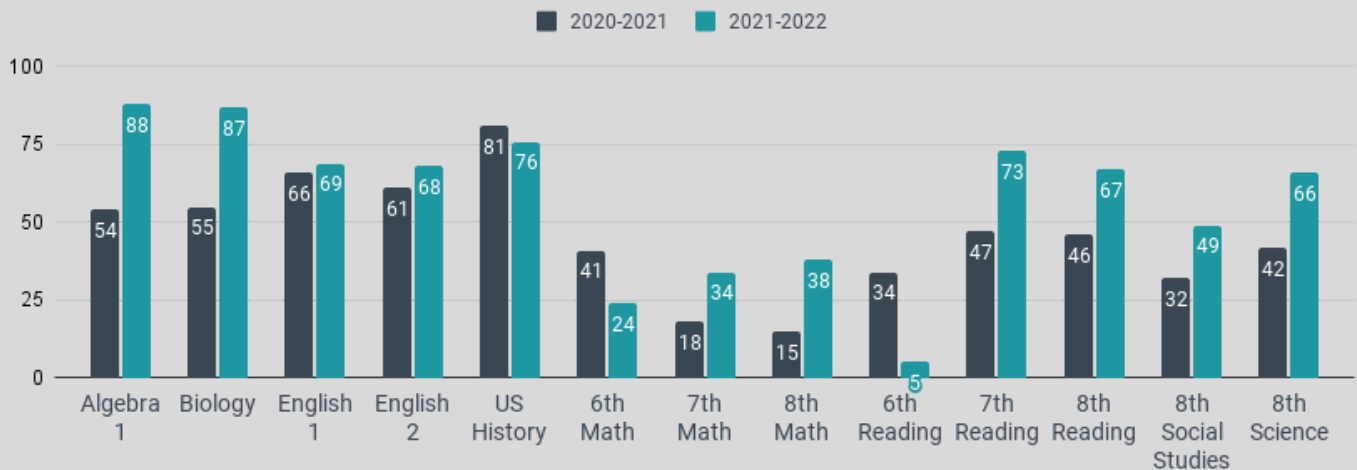


## Best Practices for Launching Modern Classrooms Schoolwide

- **Educating parents.** Crystal informed all parents and guardians of the MCP rollout and encouraged them to enroll in [Modern Classrooms free online course](#) to learn more.
- **Weekly PLC meetings.** Crystal and Josh meet weekly with teachers in small groups to review each others' work (videos, mastery checks) and assess their alignment with MCP's [Implementation and Growth Rubric](#).
- **Quick response to teacher needs.** After each PLC meeting, teachers are invited to submit questions or needs for resources through a Google form. Assistant Principal Josh White shares, "if there's something [teachers] have a question about Monday, we can fix it by Wednesday".

## Student Achievement Growth in STAAR

Percent of students schoolwide meeting STAAR proficiency in 2020-21 and 2021-22



This graphic compares the responses of 6th-11th grade students who completed the STAAR Assessment pre-implementation in 2021 ( $n = 352$ ) and post-implementation in 2022 ( $n = 265$ ).



Crystal Deaver  
Principal  
GDDS

"I think oftentimes in education, we focus so much on the teachers that need improvement drastically, that we don't grow our good and great teachers. And **with this model, we've been allowed to take good teachers, solid teachers, and make them great. And we take those great teachers...and move them even higher.** It allows the administration and leadership team to grow as we become better instructional coaches and instructional leaders on our campus, it allows our teachers to grow, and then therefore it allows our students to grow, and our scores are showing it."

**[Launch your own schoolwide transformation with Modern Classrooms.](#)**