



## Better Results through Formative Assessment

*New Data Drives Quick Teaching Shifts and Improved Student Performance*

### How can teachers and students track Common Core mastery to deepen learning?

One of the highest return investments a school can make to meet Common Core Learning Standards and produce student gains is developing a culture of assessment, and implementing it well. Global Technology Preparatory is among the schools where Teaching Matters has been working to create a whole-school formative assessment program that galvanizes change - with impressive results.

Working closely with Teaching Matters, Global Tech Prep principal David Baiz recognized the importance of collecting and quickly analyzing data about student performance, and putting structures in place to support continuous improvement based on this rapid feedback model.

#### Program Highlights:

- Significant proficiency increases in student outcomes
- Student-centered goal setting that is driven by data
- Real-time visual data for teachers and teams to make decisions

Collaboration is at the heart of the Assessment Matters approach to determining student mastery and making teaching adjustments. Assessment Matters is a professional learning program that prepares teacher leaders and teacher teams to have evidence-based conversations. Principal Baiz has been strategic about planning his teachers' time to allow for

There was a huge proficiency increase in student ELA and math state test results...I see Assessment Matters as something that's going to continue to push practice. It's an investment that's worth it.

- David Baiz

Principal of Global Technology Preparatory

meaningful collaboration.

A first step was identifying essential standards and aligning assessments to them. Teaching Matters uses Mastery Connect, which has standards-aligned assessments and a dashboard of student progress, as well as a social network through which teachers can share assessments.

The right tools matter. Three features are critical: ease of use, quality of the data and how it's represented, and the ability of the

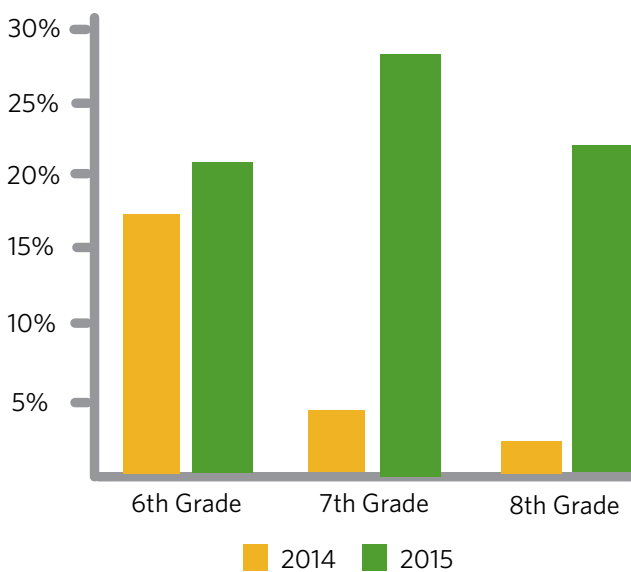
data source to inform and improve practice.

It's critical that students and parents can follow progress. Teaching Matters helps facilitate this ability for students to self-monitor as part of its support.

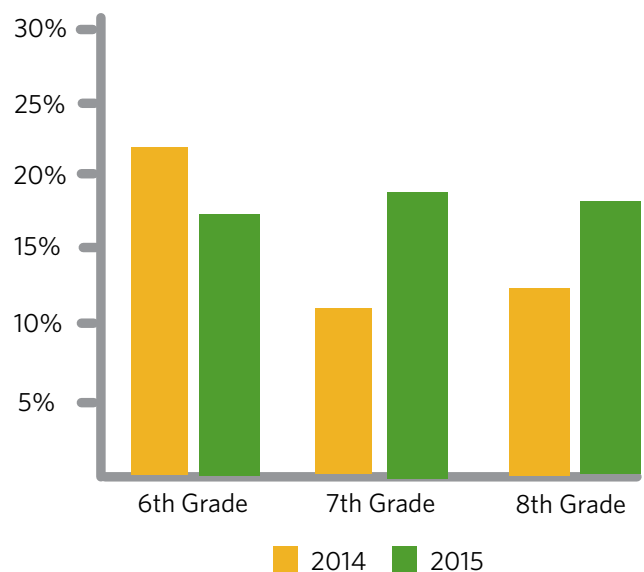
Teaching Matters supports teacher leaders and their teams with both principles and practice in building formative assessments, and gets them fully comfortable with using data in their practice.

## Results at Global Tech Prep

### % Proficient: Math



### % Proficient: ELA



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