



## DEVELOPMENTAL STUDIES CENTER

Educating Minds and Hearts™

### **Outcome data:** **Combined effect of DSC's in-school programs:** ***Making Meaning*<sup>®</sup>, *SIPPS*<sup>®</sup>, and *Caring School Community*<sup>®</sup>**

#### **Snapshot**

Integrity Charter School, National City, CA

- 154 students
- 98% Hispanic
- 100% free/reduced-price lunch

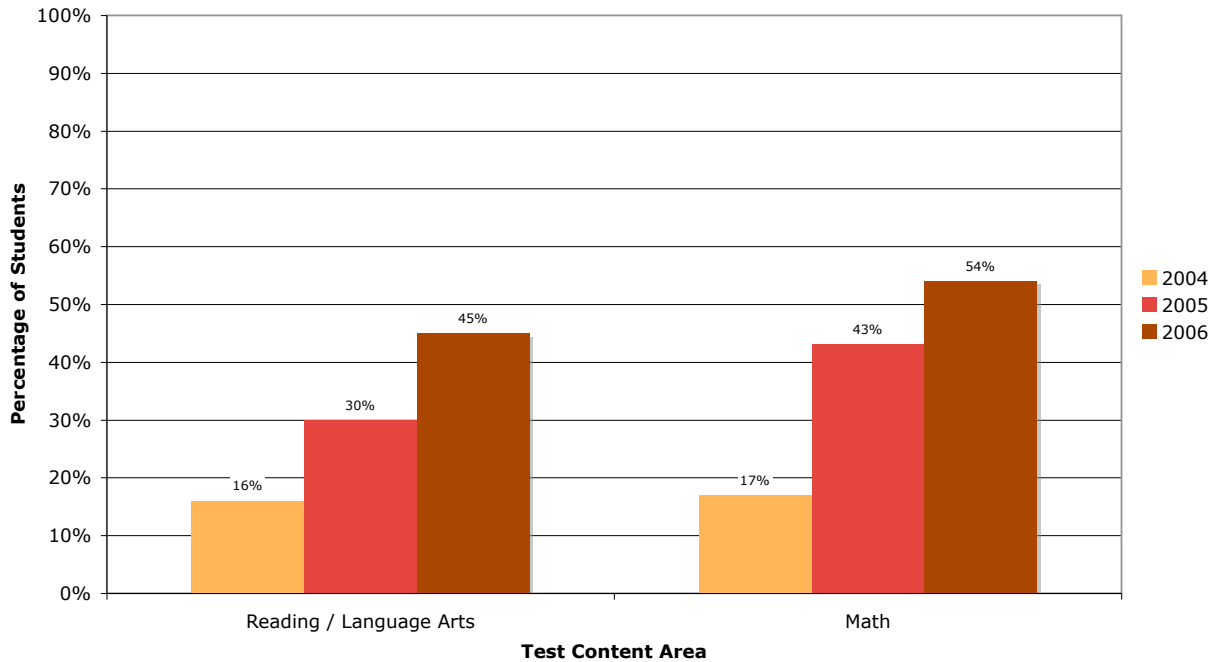
#### **Background**

Integrity Charter School opened in fall 2003 with a single classroom at each grade level, K–4. The school added a fifth grade classroom in fall 2004 and a sixth grade classroom in fall 2005. At the time of the data collection, Integrity Charter School faced strong financial constraints. There was no school-wide library. Each classroom has only one computer. Teachers did not have materials for all content areas and had to design their own learning activities for science and social studies.

The school's curriculum included the *SIPPS* decoding program, the *Making Meaning* reading comprehension program, and the *Caring School Community* community-building program.

During three school years (2003–04 through 2005–06), Integrity's students made extraordinary progress on the California Standards Tests. As the graph below illustrates, the overall percentage of students meeting or exceeding state proficiency standards in English/Language Arts grew from 16% in 2004, to 30% in 2005, to 45% in 2006. The overall percentage of students meeting or exceeding state proficiency standards in Math grew from 17% in 2004, to 43% in 2005, to 54% in 2006. (See chart below.)

**Integrity Charter School**  
**Overall Percentage of Students Scoring Proficient of Above**  
**as Measured by the California Standards Test (CST)**  
**Spring 2004-Spring 2006**



Based on students' performance on the California Standards Tests in 2003–04, the State of California set an API (Academic Performance Indicator) target for Integrity of 628 points in 2004-05. Integrity, however, exceeded this target by 73 points to achieve a rating of 701, which was 82 points higher than its score of 619 in 2003-04. In 2005-06 Integrity exceeded its API target of 706 by 70 points to achieve a rating of 776.