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Science Scores Soar in Socorro!

The Socorro Independent School District is located in the southeastern portion of El Paso County, Texas. It serves Socorro, Horizon City, and the eastern portion of the City of El Paso. The District covers 136 square miles of El Paso County. The District's northern boundary is the Texas/New Mexico line its southern boundary is the Rio Grande River.

Socorro I.S.D. is one of the fastest growing school Districts in the state of Texas. The District has twenty-five (25) elementary schools, fourteen (14) middle schools, six (6) high schools, one (1) alternative school and a community education program. It is a Title I District.

In 2007, the Socorro ISD overall TAKS 5th grade Science test score average was 53%. At the start of the 2008 school year, Socorro implemented the LJ Create Living with Science program in all their elementary schools and in the 2008 tests their TAKS test results went to an impressive 80% average! That is an amazing 27% gain in just one school year of using the new Living with Science program. SISD saw several campuses with large LEP populations jump 30, 35, 40, and 43 percentage points in one year! One campus went from Academically Unacceptable to Recognized in one year!!

"These are the first results of the realignment of curriculum and in the infusion of results-based curriculum programs we have implemented this year to target instructional gaps between the student populations. We are beginning to see the fruits of these labours. I give credit to the teachers and campus administrators for all their efforts to embrace and promote the implementation of these programs. I have personally seen what these programs can do to assist our teachers and our students reach their highest potential and make a world of possibilities a reality, any Superintendent who wants to bring the best to their teachers and thereby to their students will jump on this program right away. In an era of high stakes assessment, you can't lose with them."

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