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How Socorro ISD Increased High School TELPAS Performance by 26 Points

A district-wide instructional alignment replaced fragmented practices and drove rapid, measurable progress for every student.

DISTRICT	CAMPUSES	TEACHERS	STUDENTS
Socorro Independent School District, Texas	50	2,807	46,668

12,782
of students qualify as emergent bilinguals

+26 Points
High school TELPAS increase

+17 points
District wide TELPAS increase

THE CHALLENGE

Socorro ISD had strong language acquisition supports in place through courses such as ESL Labs, ELDA, ELLA, and ESOL. However, district leaders recognized that many secondary emergent bilingual students continued to struggle with decoding, word recognition, and foundational literacy skills in grades 6-12.

- Students entering middle and high school with persistent reading skill gaps
- Limited resources specifically designed for older multilingual learners
- Need for consistent literacy instruction across secondary bilingual classrooms

CREATING CONSISTENT LITERACY INSRUCTION

Science of Reading Alignment

Socorro ISD implemented RGR to provide secondary emergent bilingual students with explicit, systematic foundational literacy instruction and address persistent reading skill gaps.

Professional Learning & Support

Teachers completed implementation training and received ongoing coaching, walkthrough feedback, and professional learning to strengthen instructional practice and implementation consistency.

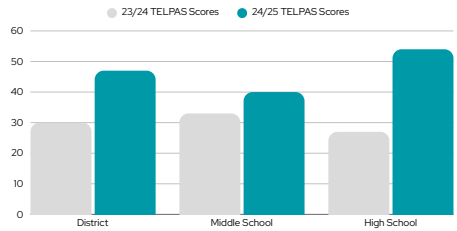
Data Visibility & Implementation

Pacing calendars, implementation checklists, classroom observations, and coaching conversations helped district leaders monitor implementation and continuously refine instruction.

Teachers moved beyond recognizing that students were struggling and began understanding why they were struggling.

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SOCORRO ISD INCREASED TELPAS PROFICIENCY



Performance on TELPAS for the 23/24 and 24/25 SY

KEY OUTCOMES

- +26 percentage points increase in high school TELPAS scores over the previous year
- +7 percentage points increase in middle school TELPAS scores over the previous year
- +17 percentage points increase in district wide TELPAS scores over the previous year
- Strengthened support for secondary emergent bilingual students and newcomers