

City Spring Elementary – Fifth Year Comparison CTBS/TerraNova Scores, 1998 and 2003

According to the latest CTBS/TerraNova Scores, City Springs Elementary has made vast strides in schoolwide academic gains over the last five years since Direct Instruction was implemented by the National Institute for Direct Instruction (NIFDI). Before the introduction of Direct Instruction City Springs Elementary was the second lowest performing school in the Baltimore school district; today it is one of its highest performing garnering number one rankings (out of 114 schools) in reading for first and fifth grades. All grades (1st – 5th) at City Springs ranked in the top ten for reading, and in the top 20 for math. City Springs' first grade also took number one honors for math, and its fifth grade ranked fourth.

In 1998 (the first year for which CTBS/TerraNova scores are available), the average median percentile CTBS/TerraNova score for reading for grades 1 – 5 was 23.2. In 2003 the average median percentile CTBS/TerraNova score for the same grades was 74.2 - a gain over the period (1998-2003) of 51 percentile points. In math the gains were greater: the average median percentile CTBS/TerraNova math score for grades 1-5 in 1998 was 11.6, by 2003 the score was 73.8 - 62.2 points higher.

In 1998, the first grade reading score was in the 28th percentile. In 2003, the score rose to the 99th percentile, achieving a 71 percentile point rise. More noteworthy, the first grade math score was at the 8th percentile in 1998. By 2003, the score was at the 99th percentile - an increase of 91 percentile points.

The median percentile fifth grade reading score was 14 in 1998 and 87 in 2003 – gaining 73 points. The fifth grade math score was in the 9th percentile in 1998 and in 79th percentile in 2003 – increasing 70 points over five years.