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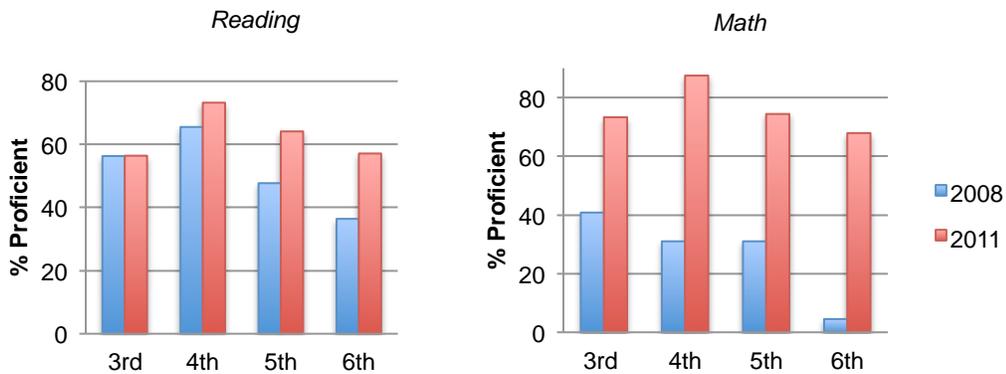
The **National Institute for Direct Instruction (NIFDI)** has extensive experience providing support for schools implementing Direct Instruction (DI) in a wide variety of settings, including charter schools. Schools experience improvement in student performance and demonstrate significant reductions in referrals to Special Education as they receive systematic support from NIFDI in effective school improvement efforts.



## Baltimore Curriculum Project – Maryland

The Baltimore Curriculum Project (BCP) is a nonprofit organization that supports four neighborhood charter schools in East Baltimore. Under the guidance of NIFDI, one of the schools – City Springs – has made extraordinary gains in student achievement through the implementation of DI, despite the fact that 96% of their students qualify for free or reduced lunch. In 2007, only 26% of 1<sup>st</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> grade students performed at grade level expectations in reading and even fewer in math. In 2010, 72% of the students were on grade level in reading.

### City Springs School Maryland State Assessment Results



## Union Colony Preparatory Academy – Colorado

Union Colony Preparatory Academy in Greeley, Colorado started working with NIFDI in the fall of 2012. The school, a K-5 elementary, implements Direct Instruction with NIFDI support schoolwide for all students in reading, math and language. Leaders at the school recognize the value of Direct Instruction and the impact it has on student performance. Building Coordinator Mandy Bailey says, “I have not found any other program on the market that has as much research to prove that it works with *all* learners.” Principal Angie Keedy agrees, “It’s been tested with Special Education students, with all socio-eco groups, and all races in every section of the country.”

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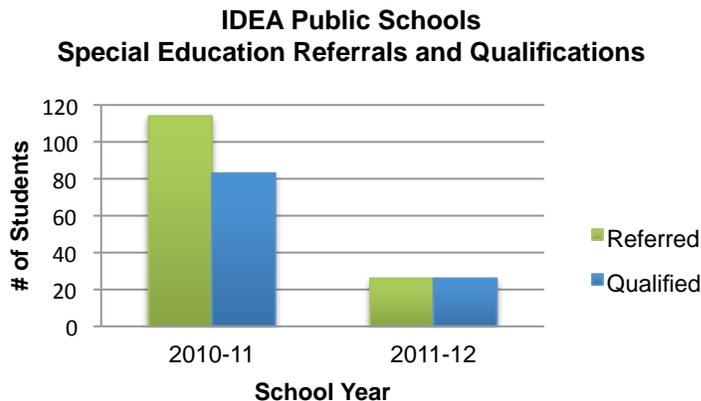
“Working with NIFDI is a no-brainer!...They are very on top of things and don’t let things sit there,” says Principal Keedy. Ms. Bailey concurs, saying, “*I really can’t imagine doing this implementation without NIFDI!*”



## IDEA Public Schools – Texas

IDEA Public Schools, a charter school company, is a network of tuition-free K-12 public charter schools serving more than 13,000 students in the Rio Grande Valley and Central Texas. They are the fastest growing network in Texas and one of the top ten fastest growing networks in the US. The implementation of DI at IDEA Public Schools has produced many benefits for students.

One of the benefits of implementing the comprehensive DI model at IDEA Public Schools in Texas with NIFDI support has been a sharp reduction in special services referrals. Before implementing DI in the fall of 2011, 114 students at IDEA Public Schools were considered for Special Education services during the 2010-11 school year. The following year, only 27 students were considered for Special Education – a *76% decrease in referrals*.



Find out how the National Institute for Direct Instruction can help your charter school maximize student performance through a systematic implementation of Direct Instruction!

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