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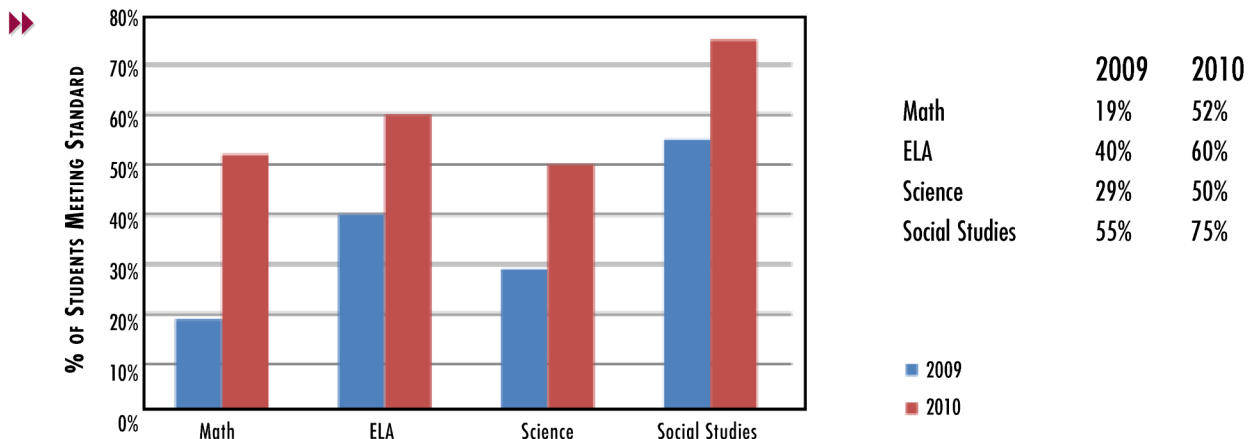
FORT WORTH Can! ACADEMY – RIVER OAKS SEES MARKED IMPROVEMENT IN ALL AREAS

►► Dramatic Increase in TAKS Retest Scores

Fort Worth Can! Academy – River Oaks is an alternative high school serving at-risk students. They began working with aha! Process in August 2009. Trainings throughout the year included Under-Resourced Learners, Research-Based Strategies, A Framework for Understanding Poverty, and Understanding Hispanic/Latino Students and Their Parents. In addition to these trainings, English/language arts, math, and science teachers received academic coaching from aha! Process consultants and Texans Can! instructional specialists.

The Exit-Level TAKS Retest scores for October 2010 showed a dramatic increase over the 2009 scores.

- ♦ Math: 33% (19% to 52%)
- ♦ English/Language Arts: 20% (40% to 60%)
- ♦ Science: 21% (29% to 50%)
- ♦ Social Studies: 20% (55% to 75%)



►► Tony Swafford, Principal

aha! Process worked with our campus to design and implement a staff development program targeting understanding our students, building meaningful relationships with them and their families, and strengthening instruction to insure rigor and relevance in the curriculum. Their ability to explain the need for building and maintaining meaningful relationships with our students coupled with the Marquez Reading and Thinking techniques and our Process for Teaching provided by our corporate instructional support staff enabled our teachers to prepare their students for increased success. aha! Process consultants embraced our core values, beliefs, and strategies and provided embedded professional development to increase instructional efficiency. Our alternative charter school provides a second chance for our students at a high school diploma and hope for a better life, including economic independence, through relationship-based education and training. The assistance provided by aha! Process has strengthened our ability to fulfill our mission.

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