

Seven Hills Charter School

Annual Report 2002

The dramatic improvement of the 8th grade in the ELA test of 2000 proved to be a tough record to beat. After lowering the failure rate to just 5% in 2000 there was a slight increase to 8% in 2001. In effect, this indicates that 1 more student failed the test in 2001 than in 2000. The Needs Improvement, Proficient and Advanced categories remained essentially the same. Still this particular area of the curriculum is already well ahead of projections from the Accountability plan. With the ELA test moving to the 7th grade, Seven Hills has refocused certain attention around this grade.

In the Math results for 2001, Seven Hills showed a dramatic increase in the Advanced category from 1% to 6%. This reflects a special emphasis placed on identifying those children who are ready for Algebra, and giving them special instruction and a class of their own.

8th Grade MCAS English/Language Arts (*Accountability Plan Projections in Italics*)

	Warning/Fail	Needs Improve.	Proficient	Advanced
1998	23	38	38	2
1999	33	46	21	0
2000	5	41	55	0
2001	8 (<i>17</i>)	42 (<i>40</i>)	51 (<i>39</i>)	0 (<i>4</i>)

8th Grade MCAS Mathematics

	Warning/Fail	Needs Improve.	Proficient	Advanced
1998	62	17	17	4
1999	80	15	5	0
2000	46	32	21	1
2001	50 (<i>40</i>)	31 (<i>15</i>)	13 (<i>41</i>)	6 (<i>4</i>)

8th Grade MCAS Science/Technology

	Warning/Fail	Needs Improve.	Proficient	Advanced
1998	55	30	15	0
1999	78	16	4	3
2000	46	35	16	3
2001				

6th Grade Analysis (MCAS 2001)

As this was the first year that this grade was tested in Math, it is difficult to analyze the data thoroughly. While we fell short of the average scores for the state, we were certainly comparable with our cohorts in the Worcester Public Schools.

6th Grade MCAS Math (2001)

	Warning/Fail	Needs Improve.	Proficient	Advanced
Seven Hills	49	30	16	4
Worcester	48	33	15	4
State	33	30	23	13

7th Grade Analysis (MCAS 2001)

Again, as a first-year test this becomes a benchmark for future testing results. Given our impressive track record of moving children up from the Needs Improvement to the Proficient category, we are strongly encouraged about future results. We again compared favorably with our Worcester Public school counterparts.

7th Grade ELA (2001)

