

# Eastwood Academy

## Houston Independent School District, Houston, Texas

**Location type:** Large city

**District enrollment:** 211,552 students

**School enrollment:** 407 students

**Percentage of students at school eligible for free and reduced price meals:** 87

### Key Takeaways

When Eastwood Academy examined its 2013-2014 OECD Test for Schools results, it found that less than 5 percent of students were performing at levels 5 and 6 in reading, and no students were performing at levels 5 and 6 in science. Furthermore, too few students saw the relevance of math and science to future opportunities.

### Actions Taken

In response to these results, Eastwood Academy took a number of actions, including:

- ✓ English and math classes have been double blocked to allow for more time for students to explore concepts more deeply and receive support from their teachers.
- ✓ The school has put in place an Accelerated Reader (AR) program, which allows students to monitor their progress through a series of quizzes.
- ✓ Eastwood has also started a close reading program to develop students' reading comprehension skills across all subject areas.
- ✓ With regard to science, the school is rethinking how it sequences concepts to allow for more in-depth instruction and understanding of concepts.
- ✓ Finally, Eastwood has implemented linked learning to build the connection between classroom instruction and necessary career skills and knowledge to make learning more meaningful for students.

The school took the OECD Test for Schools again in 2015 and saw that student instrumental motivation with regard to math and science had improved. Most impressively, the proportion of students who agreed with the statement, "I will learn many things in mathematics that will help me get a job" increased by 10 percent and the number of students who agreed with the statement "I study school science because I know it is useful for me" increased by 8 percent.

***Those wishing to learn more about the practices at Eastwood Academy may visit the school's website [here](#).***