



About the District:		About the Students:	
Grades:	PreK-12	African American:	1%
Number of Students:	4,100	Caucasian:	97%
Test(s):	CTBS/KCCT	Hispanic:	1%
Reduced Price Lunch:	42%	Asian:	1%
		Other:	-
		ELL:	-

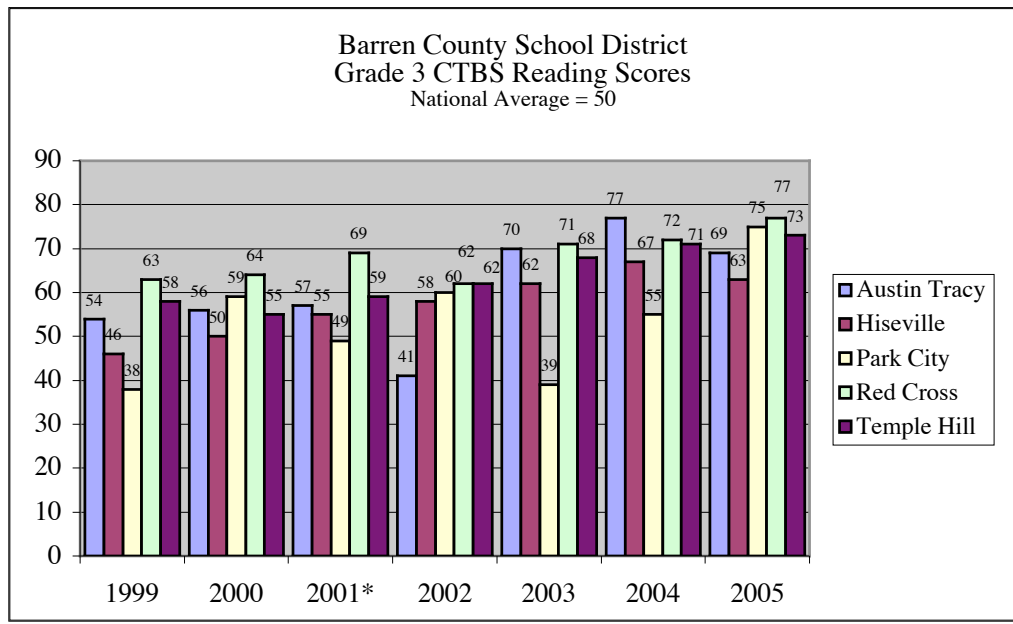


Barren County Elementary Schools Post Highest Reading Scores Ever

In the late 1990s, Grade 3 students at Park City Elementary School in the Barren County School District scored well below the national average on the reading portion of the Comprehensive Test of Basic Skills (CTBS). By 2005, Grade 3 students scored well above the national average and set a school record.

Benny Lile, Director of Instruction for the district, said the progress came naturally once *Reading Mastery* was implemented in five elementary schools – Austin Tracy, Hiseville, Park City, Red Cross, and Temple Hill – in Grades K-6 during the 2000-2001 school year.

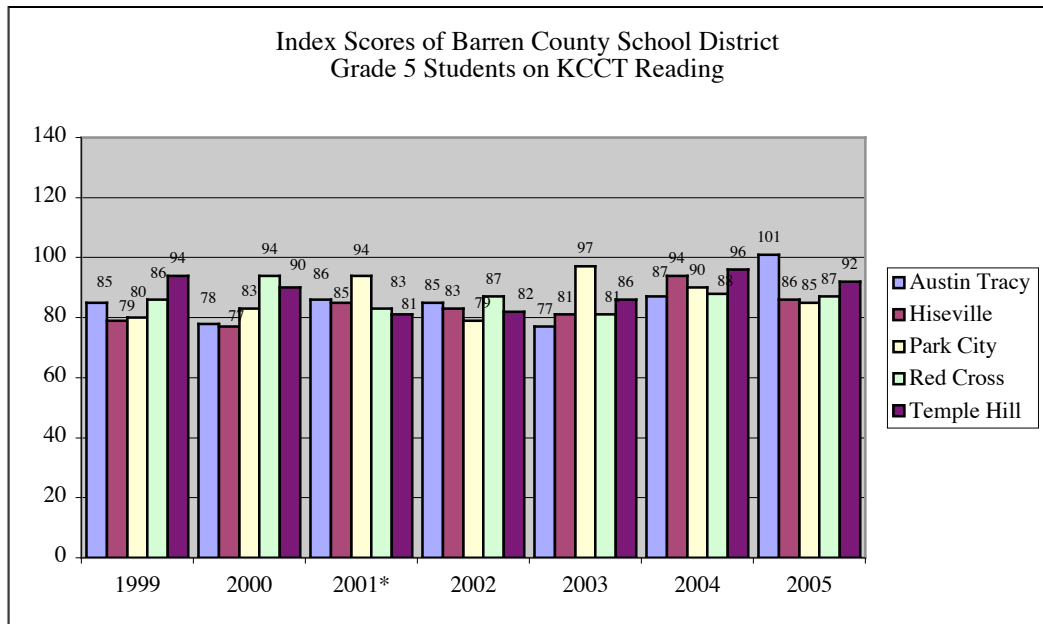
Because of *Reading Mastery*, students in these five elementary schools have experienced great success with the CTBS, an assessment given to all Kentucky students each spring. In fact, elementary students in three of those schools achieved their school’s highest reading scores ever in 2005.



*Results after one year with Reading Mastery



In addition to increasing their scores on the CTBS, students in these five schools also progressively increased their scores on the reading portion of the Kentucky Core Content Test (KCCT) once *Reading Mastery* was implemented. The KCCT is given each spring to public school students throughout the state. It includes a 0-140 point scale with 100 being proficient. Even though 2005 scores decreased slightly, Lile said that’s because 2004 was a “spike” year – all students in Barren County achieved record scores. He said 2005 scores still indicate solid and sustained growth when compared to previous years.



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Positive Trends Over Time

“It is easy to see from our test scores that there is a positive long-term trend involved with *Reading Mastery*,” Lile explained. “We have every intention of using it as long as we continue to achieve success. One of our teachers told me she was amazed when her new Grade 1 students could already read on their own. She said she was able to start out the year reading and didn’t have to spend any time on remedial lessons.”

Barren County educators now use two additional Direct Instruction programs: *Reasoning and Writing* and *Language for Learning*. “Teachers say they have never seen so many students reading at such an early age,” Lile said. “In fact, parents are enrolling their children in the district because they know their kids will truly move at an accelerated pace.”



About the Barren County School District

This district serves more than 4,100 students in 10 schools: 97% Caucasian, 1% African American, 1% Asian American, and 1% Hispanic. Forty-two percent of the children qualify for free or reduced-price lunches. For more information about Barren County School District, visit www.barren.k12.ky.us.

For More Information

If you would like to learn more about success with Direct Instruction programs in your school or district, please contact us today at **1-888-SRA-4543**.