

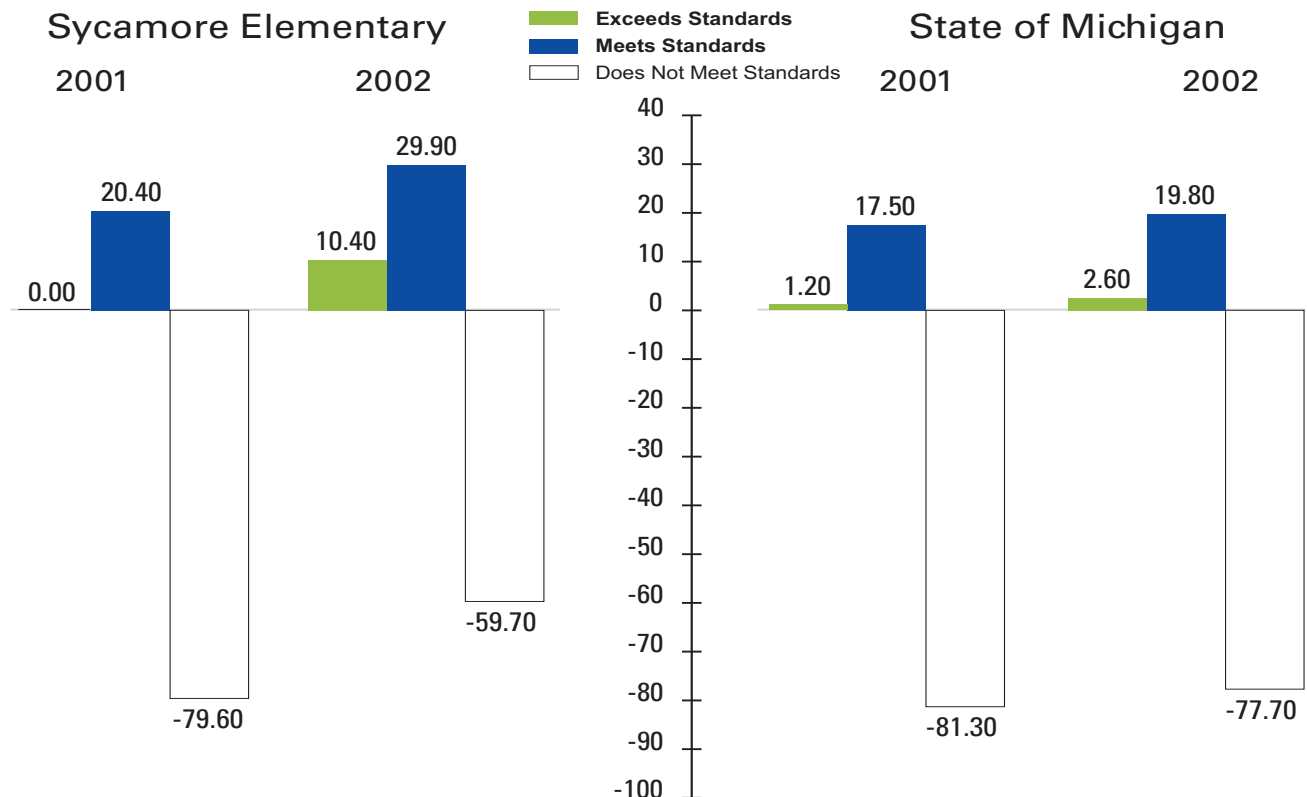
Sycamore Elementary Gets Results With TCI

History Alive!® America's Past Improves Grade 5 Scores on the Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP)

Sycamore Elementary School in Holt, Michigan, is among the lowest performing of the six elementary schools in Holt Public School District. In 2002, Sycamore had more Title I and free and reduced lunch students than any other school in the district and had the lowest scores on the MEAP writing test.

In 2001, the teachers at Sycamore Elementary School began implementing TCI's core program for grade 5, *History Alive! America's Past*. The results on the 2002 Social Studies MEAP were impressive:

- **More than 40%** of Sycamore's students were able to meet or exceed the Michigan Standards on the 2002 MEAP test for social studies, up from 20% the year before.
- The percentage of students exceeding Michigan Standards **rose by 10 points**, up from 0 the previous year, while the percentage of students who did not meet the standards dropped by 20 points.
- Sycamore Elementary's fifth graders did **better than any other school in the district** on the MEAP social studies test.
- Sycamore Elementary's fifth graders **outperformed fifth graders throughout the state**, only 22.4% of whom met or exceeded state standards.



Sycamore Speaks

"Social Studies is my favorite class because we do fun things. We don't just read a textbook—instead we get to do an activity that helps us learn about the past, and that helps me remember things. I wish every teacher taught social studies this way."

Emilie Krish, Fifth Grade Student

"The strength and power of *History Alive!* is the philosophy that all students can learn, which is put into practice through dynamic lesson design. This is the first program completely published by teachers and based on research for quality teaching and learning. The results at Sycamore speak to the power behind the TCI Approach."

Francine Minnick, Principal

Sycamore's Success Is Contagious

The success that Sycamore Elementary experienced with *History Alive!* captured the attention of the district administration and school board. In 2004, the school board approved a district-wide adoption of TCI's *Social Studies Alive!* for kindergarten through grade 3.

All six elementary schools in the Holt Public School District will have TCI's fully articulated social studies program. *History Alive! America's Past* is being used for grade 5; and in grades 6 through 9, the Holt schools are using a combination of TCI's core and supplemental programs.



In addition, the school board adopted the TCI Approach for all K-12 social studies classrooms. The district's social studies teachers will participate in TCI Professional Development and begin to use the hands-on, interactive approach to teaching in the 2004–2005 school year.

Sycamore's success seems to be the start of a statewide trend. The Michigan Department of Education endorses the powerful teaching strategies that are an integral part of the TCI Approach.

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