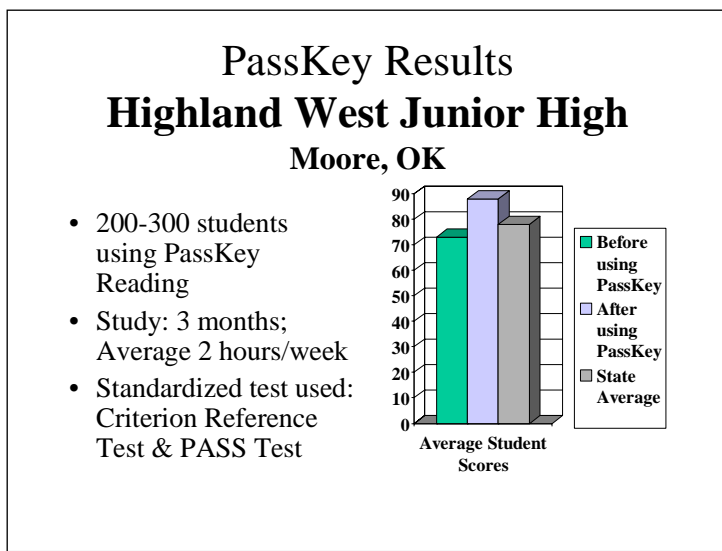


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Highland West Junior High School is the only Title I junior high school in the Moore Public School system. “Some of our students are economically

disadvantaged and don’t have all the resources other students in our system enjoy,” says Deborah Kindrick, a teacher at Highland West.



PassKey was tested at Highland West after considerable study, Kindrick says. “We looked at lots of programs, but most of them seemed to be aimed at younger students. They weren’t really relevant to us. PassKey

was different. For instance, if there was a dialogue between two students, the students were the right age. They looked like our students. The teachers also found it very easy to use, so we decided to give it a try.”

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Originally used with underperforming students, PassKey also appealed to average and honor students, who had the opportunity to practice with the program after school. Most students used it between one and two hours a week.

“We started with the reading program, but added others as we went along. One of our purposes was to prepare students for the eighth grade Criterion Reference Test (the Oklahoma P. A. S. S.), which measures student skills in specific areas,” Kindrick says.

“We worked with 200-300 eighth grade students for only three months prior to the state test. Before we installed PassKey, Highland West was the Number 5 performing school of the five junior high schools in the district. After PassKey, we had greatly improved. Our average test score rose from 73, which was below the state average of 78, to an average score of 88. We became the Number 2 performing junior high in the district.”

Because of Highland West’s success, the other four junior high schools in the district have installed PassKey.

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