

High Percentage of Charter School's Students Testing above National Average

Success abounds at the Cheyenne Mountain Charter Academy, thanks to an estimated 97% of students in Grades K-8 tested at or above the national average on the Iowa Tests of Basic Skills (ITBS) in reading in 2005.

Before the academy opened in 1995, its board of directors searched for a reading curriculum that had evidence of effectiveness. Principal Sandi Elsberry said she was a natural choice because board members are big believers in research-based programs,

Continued exposure to _____ has also helped students score well on the Colorado Student Assessment Program (CSAP). In 2005, every Grade 8 student scored Proficient or Advanced for the fifth year in a row. “Our eighth graders are among the highest scorers in the state,”