

School District: **New Castle County Vo-Tech School District**
School: **St. George's High School**
Project: **Lessons in Literacy at St. George's Technical High School**
Award: **\$30,049.40**

Demographics: St. Georges Technical High School opened in 2006-2007 with a ninth grade class of approximately 260 students. There are currently 1,063 students in grades 9-12. The students who attend St. Georges come from 33 different public and charter middle schools throughout New Castle County. Approximately 12.5 percent of the students at St. Georges are eligible for special education services. Fifty-two percent of the students are males and 48 percent of the students are females. Forty percent of the students are categorized as minority and 60 percent are categorized majority. The school consists of 91 staff members, 50 percent of which have 9 or less years of teaching experience, including 76 teachers (19 career area teachers and 57 academic teachers), 1 librarian, 7 instructional support staff and 7 pupil support staff. 13.2% of our teachers have 4 years or less of teaching experience.

Abstract: St. George's Technical High School (SGTHS), part of the New Castle County Vocational-Technical School District (NCCVTSD), analyzed district internal assessment data and Smarter-Balanced scores from the 2014-2015 school year to determine the needed areas of focus in their implementation of the **Common Core State Standards (CCSS)**. They determined that literacy, with an **emphasis on writing and speaking/listening for analysis**, was a logical starting point for professional learning based on college and career needs. The **school utilizes walkthroughs, peer visits, and professional learning communities to support professional development**. Administrators and teachers will use walkthroughs and peer visits to **provide formative feedback on instructional practice. Professional learning communities will be used to reinforce curricular concepts and to review data.**

Data: In comparison with 2015 national data from College Board regarding average **SAT scores, St. Georges scored below the national average in Reading and in Writing**. In Critical Reading, while the national mean was 495, St. Georges was 421. In Writing, while the national mean was 484, St. Georges' students earned a mean score of 407. A comparison of ELA/Literacy Smarter Balanced Assessment results shows that **St. Georges scored a 58% proficiency rate and did not meet the district and school proficiency target**. Based on an analysis of the SBAC and internal common assessment data, it is evident that St. Georges needs to focus on its implementation of the CCSS to meet the District's 80% proficiency target in ELA.

Comparison of St. Georges and National 2015 SAT Scores

