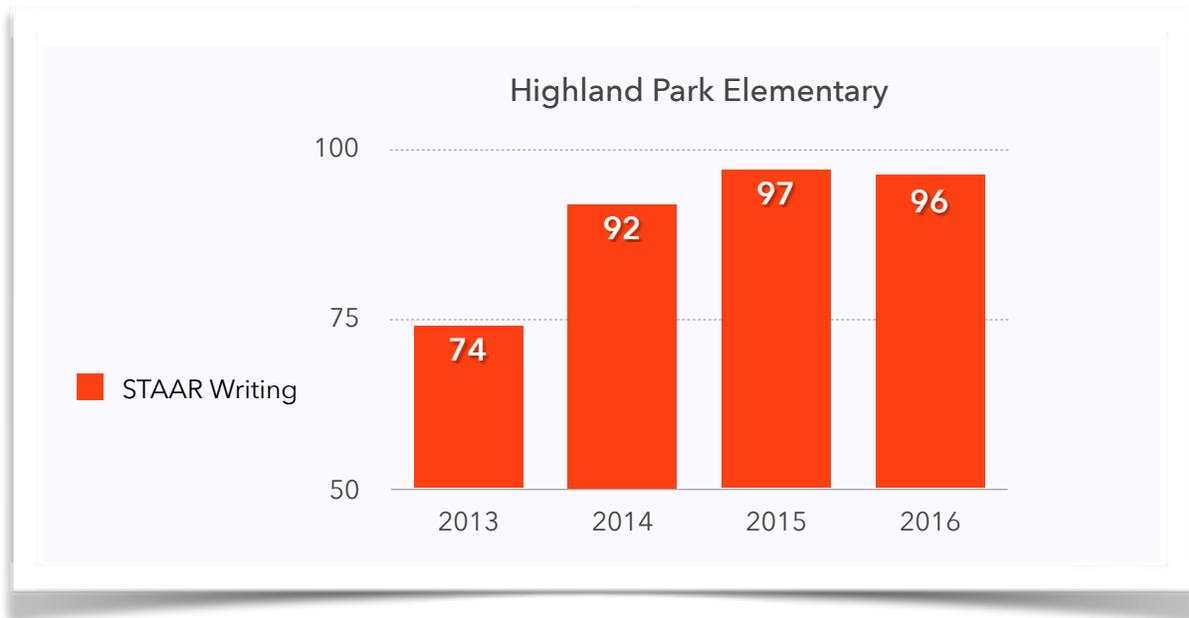


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Highland Park Elementary's STAAR Results

Several years ago I attended a Gifted and Talented conference in Fort Worth, Texas. I came across a booth with someone from The Empowering Writers Organization selling their materials. I purchased their book because the program we were using was not working. I have been a 4th grade teacher for 25 years and suddenly with all the changes in writing and STAAR our kids were not performing.

Our 2012 scores for 4th grade writing were 85%, and 2013 was even worse at 74%. I knew I had to take action. I got online and decided to see if the Empowering Writers Company also had training to go with the book. Of course, they did. I asked my principal if I could drive 90 miles, and I would pay for it myself, just to have the opportunity to attend the workshop. I attended that workshop and our writing has never been the same since. I was totally impressed with the program.

I immediately came back to the classroom and taught a lesson to our 4th grade students. A few months went by and we noticed that the kids could not wait to come to writing class. It was not the struggle it had once been. We reached out to the company and could not get enough of the materials they had to offer. Everything and every workshop we have attended have given us more and more confidence that we could raise our scores. We invited the company to come present a lesson at our school. We now have all grade levels onboard from Kinder to 4th.

Our first year of teaching this program, which was 2014, our scores for writing were 92%. Remember, 2013 was 74%. Our scores continued to improve. In 2015 our writing scores were 97%, and in 2016 writing scores were 96%. I don't think we could ask for much better results. I totally believe in this program. We have teachers who are not afraid to teach writing and kids who love to write. All I have to say is, Thank you so much Empowering Writers!!!

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About Empowering Writers

At Empowering Writers, we teach teachers how to improve student writing. Most teachers can tell a good piece of writing from a weak piece of writing, but few teachers have been taught how to identify the weak points and use specific strategies to move the writing from point A to point B.

For the past 20 years, Empowering Writers has transformed writing instruction for over 100,000 educators by providing the necessary knowledge and skills to teach writing.

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