

Project Summary

Advancing Mathematics Performance (AMP), a collaboration between Hillsborough County Public Schools, Pinellas County Schools, and Saint Joseph's University impacted approximately 600 2nd grade gifted students.

The project was implemented in 2 phases: Phase I provided 40 2nd grade gifted education teachers in Hillsborough and Pinellas school districts with interactive online professional development and coaching for an advanced mathematics curriculum targeting measurement skills aligned with the Florida Standards. Phase II of the project opened the training to teachers of gifted students throughout Florida school districts.

The goals of the project were to improve teaching practices and increase academic performance of gifted students in mathematics. Outcomes included a redesign of 2nd grade gifted mathematics instructional practice and improved content knowledge of students.

The project coordinators were Dr. Lauri Kirsch, Hillsborough County Public Schools and Jenny Klimis, Pinellas County Schools. Dr. Janine Firmender, Saint Joseph's University, served as a consultant for the development of the AMP teacher training.

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To access the AMP PD Package that includes pre-recorded training sessions, Powerpoint slides, training notes, teacher handouts, and other resources, go to <http://tinyurl.com/AMPPD2015>