

# Hughbanks Elementary School

## Rialto Unified School District

### Background

Elizabeth T. Hughbanks Elementary School is a Pre-Kindergarten to Grade 5 school in Rialto, California, serving a diverse population in a high poverty community. The partnership with Generation Ready began in 2017 where the principal had already set up the infrastructure to improve the overall culture of learning for the school.

### Goals for the Work

The goals for the professional learning were set in collaboration with the Administration team and reflect the findings from the initial observations:

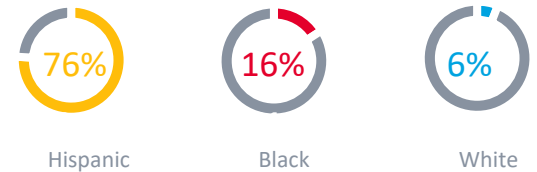
- To deepen Grade 3 students' comprehension of increasingly complex texts by implementing small group, text-based discussions.
- To increase the volume and quality of Grade 4 students' writing of informational texts.

### Outcomes of the Work

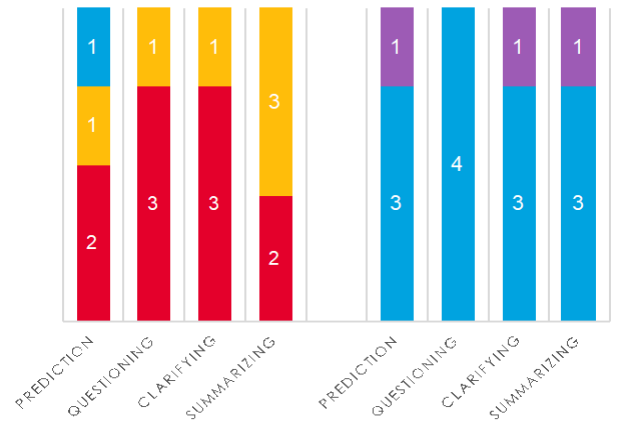
This engagement was the first time teachers in the school had experienced professional learning that was ongoing and job-embedded. The outcomes were:

- Grade 3 teachers implemented small group, text-based discussions.
- Significantly increased student talk.
- Increased volume and quality of student writing.
- All Grade K to 3 teachers implemented a process of taking running records.
- Teachers agreed to plan together.

School Student Demographics



Growth in 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Student Strategies Through Reciprocal Reading



Number of Students in the Grade 4 Cohort at Each Level of the Domains of the Smarter Balance Writing Rubric

