

# 28 Rockford schools hit progress targets



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Nick McGuire (from left), Sergio Salazar and Marcus Cooper attempt to answer a question posed to them Tuesday in their fifth-grade class at Jackson Elementary School in Rockford. Scores released Tuesday show double-digit gains in reading test scores at 18 elementary schools and 21 schools posting double-digit gains in math.

## Major gains on reading, math tests

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Test scores unveiled Tuesday night show marked improvement at many Rockford School District 205 schools.

In 2004, just 15 Rockford schools made the adequate yearly progress mark designated by the state. That number

has jumped to 28 in 2006, and every elementary school met the target in mathematics.

Eighteen elementary schools posted double-digit improvements in reading, and 21 made double-digit gains in math over last year. Each district middle school posted double-digit gains

in math.

"What works is leadership," Superintendent Dennis Thompson said.

Officials said just a few schools saw scores drop. Please see 1D

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