

# **A TALE OF TWO SCHOOLS**

# **177 Miles Apart**

- **Martin L. King, Jr. Elementary School,  
Tuscaloosa, Alabama**
- and**
- **George Hall Elementary School,  
Mobile, Alabama**

# SIMILARITIES

## **Martin L. King, Jr. Elementary**

- 99% African American
- 91 % Free/Reduced Lunch
- Enrollment – 426
- SAT Reading 2004 = 22

## **George Hall Elementary**

- 99% African American
- 98% Free/Reduced Lunch
- Enrollment – 531
- SAT Reading 2004 = 22

# **AYP RESULTS 2004-2005**

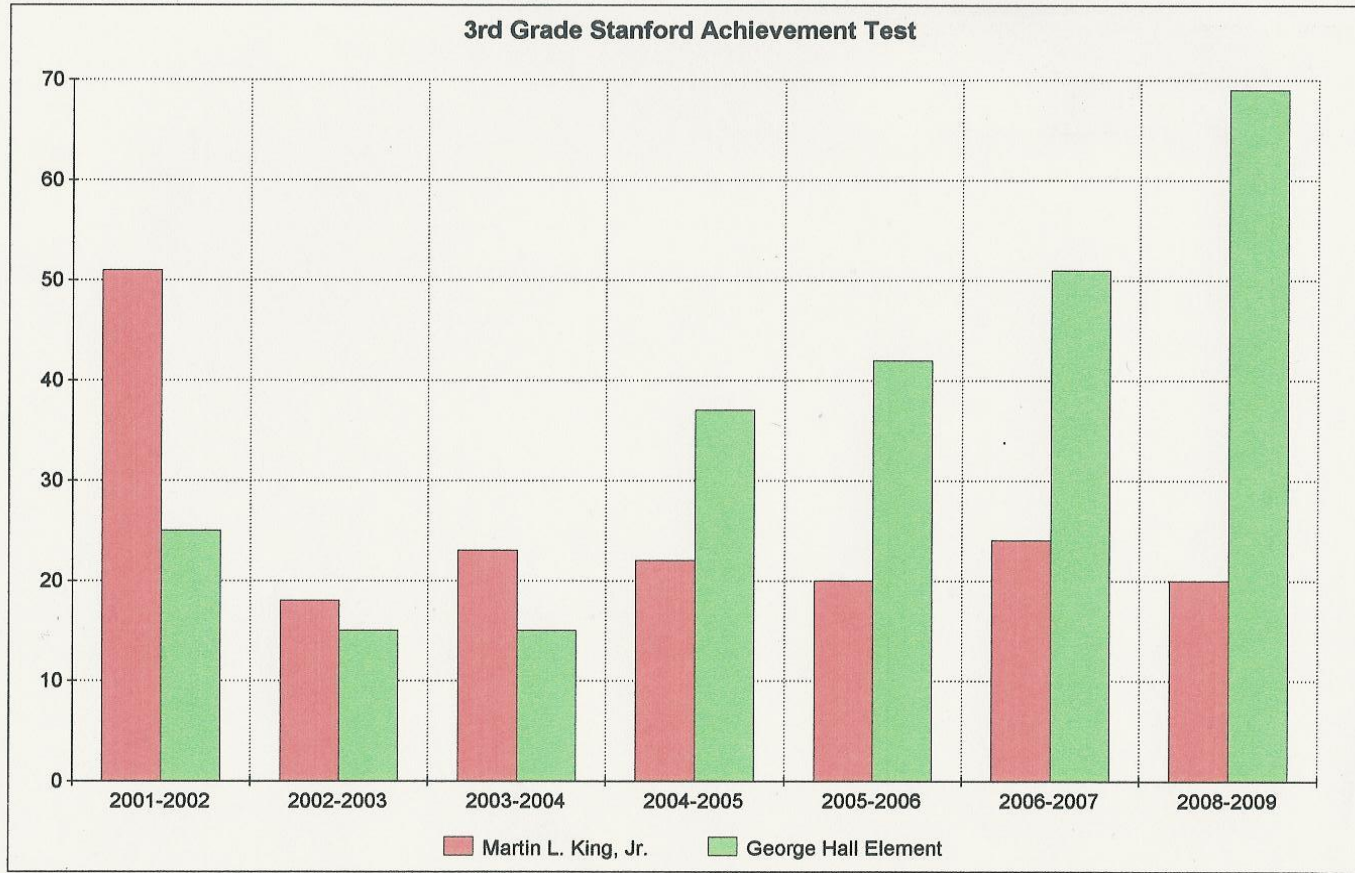
**Martin L. King, Jr.  
Elementary**

**NO**

**George Hall  
Elementary**

**NO**

# The Difference



# **Academic Achievement**

# 2008 SAT Reading Results

- Martin L. King, Jr.

26

- George Hall

64

# ARMT RESULTS 2008

Martin L. King, Jr.

George Hall

106 of 200

196 of 200

# Ranking Based on 2008 ARMT Scores

- Martin L. King, Jr.

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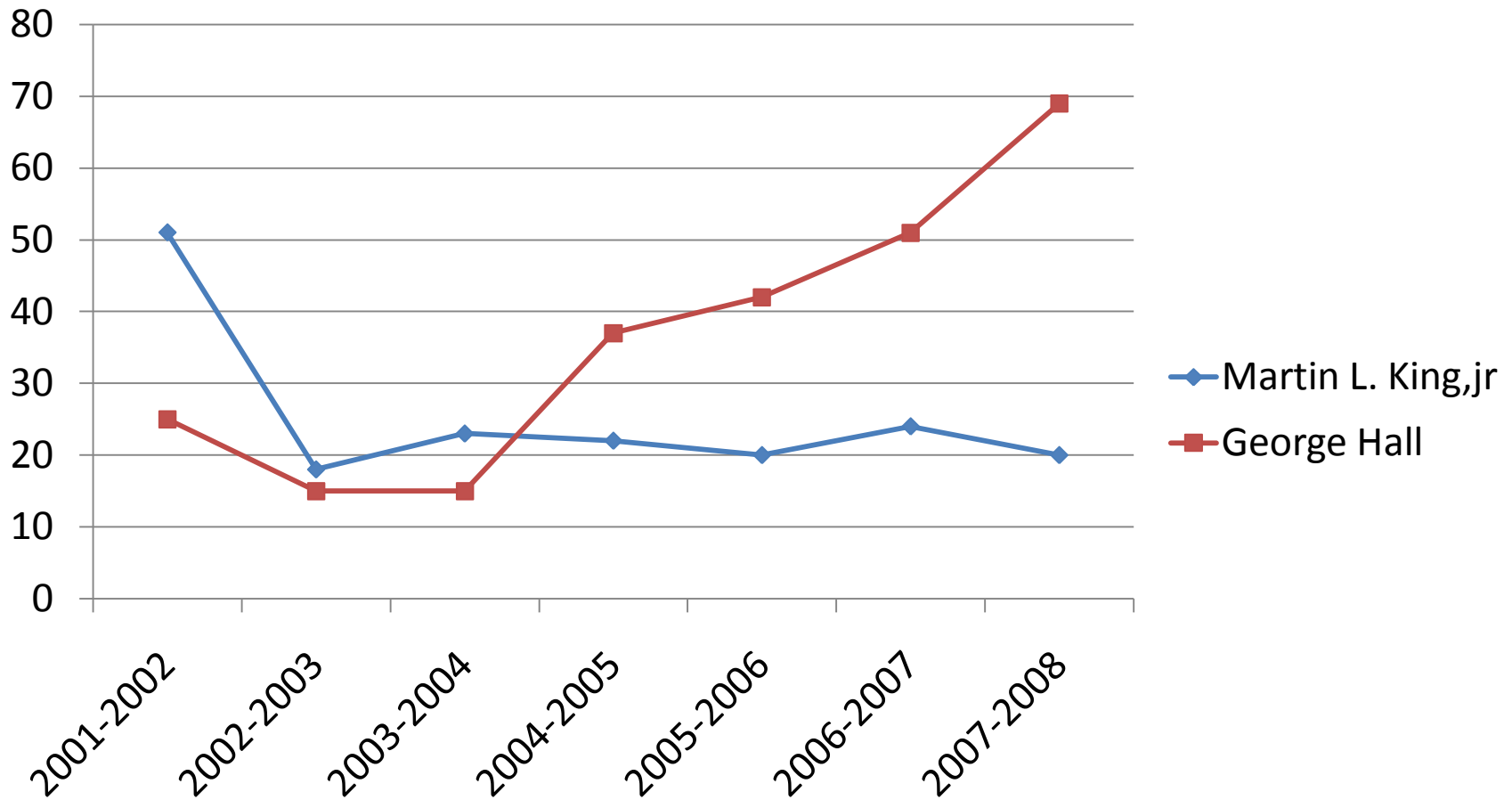
**Elementary Schools in  
Alabama**

- George Hall

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# 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Reading SAT Scores



**Made AYP 2006, 2007, 2008, & 2009**

**Martin L. King, Jr.**  
**Elementary**

**George Hall**  
**Elementary**

**NO**

**YES**

# What did George Hall Do?

- 1. Brought in a New Principal
- 2. Revamped Teaching Staff
- 3. Got extra personnel including: reading, & Math Coaches
- 4. Got Quality Teacher Training

Source: [www.montgomery advertiser.com](http://www.montgomeryadvertiser.com) , Article:  
Failing Alabama school now one of the nation's  
best

# How Did George Hall Do It?

## “The Right Recipe and the Right Plan”

- A stellar principal who, working hard to build trust among faculty and students,
- Set up Leadership Teams among the Teachers
- The teachers in turn helped each other perform better in the classroom
  
- Source: [www.msnbc.msn.com](http://www.msnbc.msn.com), Article: Transformed Mobile School Gets Awards, Visitors

# What was the key?

- “No matter what your background, to come into a building and know that you’re valued for who you are makes a difference in how our children succeed and in their confidence levels,” ...”Knowing that people want them here, that helps.”

Terri Tomlinson, Principal

George Hall Elementary School

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