

Lincoln County School District

LINCOLN, GEORGIA / 1,198 STUDENTS

Lincoln County School District, located in Northeastern Georgia, needed to upgrade its student information system (SIS). After years of using the Linc version of SchoolMax, Lincoln wanted a system that offered efficient reporting, easy access for parents, and reliable information for decision making.

CHALLENGES

When the time came to upgrade SchoolMax, Lincoln did an assessment of advantages and disadvantages. SchoolMax could not provide the benefits of an integrated system. Reports were a serious problem both within the district and for state reporting. Teachers had limited information about their students which restricted their effectiveness. Administrators were unable to extract reliable data for analysis and sound decision making. Parent communication was managed through a separate system and was cumbersome and inefficient.

"With our SchoolMax system, we could not supply our teachers with the information they needed for effective classroom management," said Cindy Cartledge, Lincoln Student Information System Coordinator. "It was hard to design a report and get reliable information. Most of the time, we prepared our reports by hand. This process had to change."

SOLUTION

After a thorough review of SIS vendors by 18 district personnel, Infinite Campus was chosen for its integrated functionality, ease of use, communication capabilities, and to bring district data management into the future.

About Campus

- ▶ We are the largest American-owned student information system. Campus applications manage 7 million students in 43 states.

Infinite Campus provides integrated, Web-based, district-wide data access, so stakeholders throughout Lincoln can login from any computer with Internet access. Customized reporting features make secure and appropriate information available to teachers, administrators and parents at a key stroke.

"Infinite Campus provides our teachers, parents and administrators with the information they need to make better data-driven instructional decisions," said Cartledge. "The availability of easy-to-access, reliable and secure information was a huge influence in our choice for Infinite Campus."

Parents have the opportunity to be engaged in their student's education. Through the Campus Portal, a parent can log in to a secure source of need-to-know information including grades, assignments, assessments, and have a direct communication link to teachers. Community support for the district is increased as empowered parents participate in student success.

"From a parent's perspective, it is great to be able to login and view my children's homework assignments, projects due, upcoming tests, fees that are due and attendance," said Britt McKinney, Lincoln parent and teacher. "I enjoy having access to an overall view of my children's progress on a daily basis."

In addition, Infinite Campus provides for out-of-the-box reporting needs. Flexible functionality permits easy creation of ad hoc and customized reports as desired. The customized

reporting options available to administrators, teachers and staff are easy to use and provide reliable and accurate data for analysis and planning.

Infinite Campus state reporting features are tailored for each state. A team of professional analysts from Infinite Campus monitor state and federal reporting requirements, and make changes as needed in the district SIS.

RESULTS

Lincoln is well prepared for state reporting so funding is accurate and on time. "Infinite Campus allows everyone to have customized reports at their fingertips," said Cartledge. "Our new system provides a wealth of data that is easily accessible to administrators, teachers and parents. State reporting just became much easier."

With Infinite Campus replacing numerous disparate software programs, Lincoln saw a positive ROI from go-live. As time passes, upgrades are seamlessly integrated into the SIS at no cost and with no interruption. Administrative and staff time can be spent on other tasks.

Further savings are realized through efficiencies in data management, eliminated mailings and avoiding redundant data entry will continue to brighten Lincoln's financial picture. Resources saved through new efficiencies can be used for student success. Single point data entry saves time and money while increasing reliability. It is no accident that Lincoln stakeholders already see the benefits with Infinite Campus after just a few months of operation.

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