New Prague Area Schools
NEW PRAGUE, MINNESOTA / 4,000 STUDENTS

New Prague, located in southern Minnesota, had been using their previous student information system (SIS) for more than a decade. When Web-based functionality was added to their system, it was not fully developed and had many glitches.

New Prague decided it was time to look for a new solution. Four SIS vendors were considered in the selection process. Up-to-date technology, reliable support options and a proven track record for success were all important factors. By the 2012-13 school year, they were up-and-running with Infinite Campus.

WEB-BASED FUNCTIONALITY
Infinite Campus was the first, truly Web-based SIS. New Prague saw this as an advantage. After implementing Infinite Campus, they quickly started using its Web-based, fully-integrated features to get real-time information across the district. In addition, New Prague saw an immediate increase in school-to-home communication.

New Prague’s parents and students have easy access to grades, attendance, assignments, schedule information and much more via the Campus Portal. And from any Apple® iOS or Android® device, the same information can be accessed via the Campus Mobile Portal, an intuitive and user-friendly app. Users can enable ‘push notifications’ that automatically send alerts for grade, assignment and attendance changes.

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INTEGRATED PRODUCTS
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SCHEDULING SIMPLIFIED
New Prague also benefits from Campus Scheduler 5.0, a flexible scheduling option. Using district-defined rules, New Prague’s office staff quickly and efficiently sets up schedules and possible variations in real time.

Scheduler 5.0 includes:
• “Auto-build” a master schedule based on defined needs
• Planning tools to facilitate the building logic
• Mass updating tools for course information
• Color coding to delineate between auto-built sections versus manually added sections

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RELIABLE SUPPORT
If New Prague experiences an issue, both phone and online support are always available with Infinite Campus. With a 97 percent support satisfaction rating, calls are answered by a support team member within three rings.

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