



ALBUQUERQUE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Albuquerque, New Mexico

Waterford
Early
Learning™

SuccessMaker®
ENTERPRISE

“The kids are motivated, improve their scores and stay very engaged when using the programs.”

— **Thomas Graham**
principal
Griegos Elementary School

“We implemented Waterford Early Reading with kindergarten, first, second and special education students who were at risk in reading. The program surpassed our expectations. The students’ growth was extraordinary; according to the DIBELS assessment, 85 percent scored proficient. I believe the progress is a direct result from Waterford. Waterford delivers the necessary skills: phonemic awareness, phonics, language concepts, comprehension, and vocabulary development through a highly engaging program. I don’t think the students’ realize they are learning, because they consider it playing. I highly recommend Waterford for every school.”

— **Georgia Martin**
reading teacher
Mountain View Elementary School

PROFILE

School District: Albuquerque Public School District

District Enrollment: 89,510 students

Number of Sites: 171

Grades: K-12

Free/Reduced Price Lunch: 51%

Ethnicity:

- 53% Hispanic
- 35% Caucasian
- 4% African American
- 5% Native American
- 3% Asian

CHALLENGE

Albuquerque Public Schools (APS) is the 28th largest school district in the United States and the largest of 89 school districts in the state of New Mexico. With a very ethnically and economically diverse student population APS is faced with the challenges of providing quality reading and math intervention for low scoring students, closing achievement gaps and improving student achievement in the elementary grade levels. They need an implementation that is effective and reliable.

SOLUTION

After reviewing several other programs, APS district supervisors and administrators identified Pearson Digital Learning’s Waterford Early Learning™ and SuccessMaker® Enterprise as the best fit for their schools. Using Title I and other funds these products were purchased for use at 41 of their public, charter and private school sites.

Kindergarten through 8th grade students who score low on reading and math tests are selected to receive individualized instruction and practice provided by these courseware products. Other students identified to use the programs include English language learners, special education as well as those who are gifted and talented. Beyond these categories the products are also being used for response to intervention and after school programs.

“As testing becomes more important, it is critical for students to master standards-based curriculum. The ability to provide practice to individual

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SOLUTION (Continued)

students at their level is perfect for children who do not have an environment in the evening that is conducive to successful study. Using SuccessMaker Enterprise in the Homeless Outreach Tutoring Program is, in my opinion, the keystone of our efforts," explained Don Whatley, Title I homeless project coordinator. "Middle school students as soon as they come in the door ask, 'Can I go on SuccessMaker right away?' They are eager to use the program and once engaged are reluctant to stop."

Kindergarten through 2nd grade students use Waterford Early Learning and k-8th grade students use SuccessMaker Enterprise in school labs or classrooms three to five times per week for a minimum of 15 minutes per day, per subject.

"We have placed a high emphasis on improving student math and reading skills. SuccessMaker and Waterford have become an integral part of the majority of our teachers' daily activities and complement their curriculum. The teachers especially appreciate the instant feedback—for the student as well as for teachers—allowing them to target a student's weaker areas," said Roger Estes, lab manager at Governor Bent Elementary School.

RESULTS

APS first implemented SuccessMaker Enterprise in 2006 as part of a summer school pilot program. Waterford Early Learning was added in 2007. From 2006 to 2009 the number of licenses has increased to 1,446 and serving more than 5,000 students during the 2009-10 school year. The chart below shows the growth in the number of licenses since 2006.

School Year	06/07	07/08	08/09	09/10
License Count	47	244	524	1,446
Students Served	187	1,705	3,311	5,000+

APS Title I resource teacher Michele Halliday said, "The availability of the ARRA funds provided an opportunity for us to expand Waterford and SuccessMaker into 20 more Title I designated schools. This will help our schools provide Response to Intervention to increase student achievement."

Of the 15 elementary schools that were using Waterford and/or SuccessMaker during the 2008-09 school year five made AYP and seven more met or exceeded the district's targets for math or reading.

"The teachers at Kit Carson Elementary are excited about how SuccessMaker Enterprise has helped individual students make significant gains in both reading and math. SuccessMaker Enterprise helps the classroom teacher provide differentiated skill practice based on individual student needs, immediate feedback for kids as well as reports that give teachers detailed information regarding the progress of each individual student."

— **Charlotte Alderete-Trujillo**
assistant principal,
Kit Carson Elementary School

"I have utilized Waterford Early Learning in my kindergarten classroom for the last two years. It has been an excellent addition to our literacy program, giving each student an individualized tutoring session daily. This is accomplished with nearly no interruption to classroom instruction and activities. Students work independently while on the computer and learn quickly to rotate with other students without teacher guidance. I am eager to continue using this program, as I believe students at all levels benefit."

— **Debbie Rodriguez**
kindergarten teacher,
Bellehaven Elementary School