



ST. PAUL SCHOOL

Canva, Virginia

SuccessMaker®
ENTERPRISE

PROFILE

School District: Carroll County Public Schools

District Enrollment: 4,341 students

School Enrollment: 400 students

Grades: K-7

Free/Reduced Price Lunch: 68%

Ethnicity:

- 99% Caucasian
- 1% Hispanic

CHALLENGE

St. Paul School is located at the base of the Blue Ridge Mountains in southwest Virginia. A large percentage of the students come from low socioeconomic families who have a history of generational poverty. In this very rural community many students do not have access to educational resources at home or have exposure to pre-school training.

The teachers and administrators at St. Paul School needed a solution to help their students meet grade-level objectives and improve their performance in reading and math on the Virginia Standards of Learning (SOL) state tests.

SOLUTION

In 2006 the Carroll County Public Schools' board of education approved the purchase of SuccessMaker® Enterprise and the school implemented it throughout their computer lab. They planned to give every pre-kindergarten through 7th grade student access to the program on a weekly basis.

Each student was assessed not only by the state-level performance tests, but also with the screening/assessment tool built into SuccessMaker Enterprise. All students who did not meet the basic level requirements were scheduled to use the program in the computer lab. Pre-kindergarten and kindergarten students use the program one day per week. 1st and 2nd grade students go two days a week to the computer lab, and 3rd through 7th grade students are on the courseware three days each week.

If any student falls behind or is struggling in a certain area of math or reading, a classroom teacher can schedule the student more time on the computer. With the individualized courseware each student can work at their own level

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"I like that we have immediate feedback concerning the students' progress and can see exactly where they are having problems. I also like the fact that the program keeps the students back on any strand that is giving them difficulty at any given level. They progress only when they show competence in that area. I have found this especially useful in monitoring the progress of students who failed the SOL test last year, and who are engaged in interventions this year during the RTI period."

— **Movita Utt**

7th grade language arts teacher

"SuccessMaker Enterprise helps me know my students are getting leveled practice, and I can monitor progress easily and efficiently."

— **Melina Easter**

6th grade language arts teacher

"I love the ability to monitor students' progress. I can see how well they've done, how hard they've tried and how much they've progressed."

— **Kellie Worrell**

7th grade math teacher



SOLUTION (Continued)

and pace. Students who master concepts easily move on to higher level instruction. For those who struggle, the courseware will continue to guide them until they are at a level to move forward.

On average 370 students use the program each year. Lab Manager Betty Bowman is a key motivator for students as well as teachers, and helps keep teachers apprised of progress by running reports on individual students or entire classrooms. She explains, "SuccessMaker Enterprise allows teachers to easily customize instruction, generate reports and accurately assess, track and forecast students' progress at any time."

RESULTS

Before SuccessMaker Enterprise was implemented, in 2006 less than half of the 3rd grade students passed the SOL at the end of the school year. In 2007, after the courseware was strongly implemented, the same students who were now in the 4th grade all passed the SOL with the exception of two students. Since 2007 the percentage of students in grades 4th through 7th who pass the SOL year-end test in math and reading has significantly increased. And the number of students who are passing at the advanced level has risen as well.

The chart below shows St. Paul School's 2008-09 SOL test results. With such high scores they met the national standard of Adequate Yearly Progress as well as the Virginia Standards for Accreditation. The school has become a source of pride in their community.

2008-09 Virginia State Standards of Learning Test Percentage of Students Passing at St. Paul School

School Average	% Pass/Proficient	% Pass/Advanced	Total
English-Reading	53%	35%	88%
English-Writing	65%	23%	88%
Math	34%	53%	87%
7th Grade	% Pass/Proficient	% Pass/Advanced	Total
English-Reading	66%	28%	94%
Math	51%	30%	81%
6th Grade	% Pass/Proficient	% Pass/Advanced	Total
English-Reading	59%	32%	91%
Math	48%	32%	80%
5th Grade	% Pass/Proficient	% Pass/Advanced	Total
English-Reading	52%	39%	91%
Math	15%	78%	93%
4th Grade	% Pass/Proficient	% Pass/Advanced	Total
English-Reading	44%	48%	92%
Math	21%	77%	98%

"SuccessMaker Enterprise makes it easy to monitor and direct the progress of every student, and provide each with the individualized learning they need. It is a superior tool for gaining positive results with instructional technology. The program allows teachers to easily customize instruction, generate reports and accurately assess, track and forecast students' progress at any time."

— **B.J. Bowman**
lab manager

"SuccessMaker Enterprise allows students to work at his/her individual level in reading and math. It gives students reinforcement and additional practice in areas of difficulty until that skill is mastered. The program then introduces new, more advanced skills. It allows all students to be successful, regardless of academic levels. It also prepares students for state standardized testing."

— **Leesa Ayers**
3rd grade teacher