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ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS MAKING GAINS WITH DESTINATION MATH® AND DESTINATION READING® IN FLORIDA

The Situation

Shadowlawn Elementary School faces the challenges brought on by a very diverse student body. With almost half of the school English Language Learners and 40% who do not meet state and district standards on high stakes tests, Shadowlawn was looking for a way to impact these students with a technology solution. As Tim Ferguson, Shadowlawn principal, stated, "We've got some challenges with regard to our students and we were looking for software support that would enhance the classroom instruction that teachers are providing in a more systematic way."

A pilot project with Destination Math® and Destination Reading® was run at Shadowlawn.

Destination Math and Destination Reading are used in whole group settings to teach concepts and in individual sessions at the computer centers in the classroom or in the lab. "I think the teachers find that concepts are often explained in ways that are easier for students to understand", said Principal Ferguson.

First-second grade teacher, Dana Bauman, has been using the products since they were first introduced at Shadowlawn. "I have been using the program for three years now and absolutely love it. It is the perfect technology supplement to my instruction in the classroom. The students love using the computers and (Destination) gives them



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Customer Profile

Collier County School District
45 Schools
42,000 Students
42% Hispanic
47% Title I students
32% English as a Second Language
Shadowlawn Elementary School
40% At-risk students
78% Free or reduced lunch
43% English as a Second Language

Products and Services

Destination Math
Destination Reading
Professional Development

Key Benefits

Students are increasing their passing rate on state achievement tests by 8-10% a year.

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—Dana Bauman, First Grade Teacher Shadowlawn Elementary

an interesting and fun way to learn math and language arts.” Dana continues, “I like the ability to individualize the assignments to align with my students’ needs and the Florida Sunshine State Standards. It is a great program for kids as well as teachers!”

Project Goals

1. To improve reading, literacy, and mathematics.

Solution

The school considered several solutions but chose Destination due to its courseware’s superior quality of graphics, home school connection and usability from both a teacher and student perspective. Principal Ferguson explains “What I really liked

about the program was the Internet access so that we could capitalize on students being able to access the information from home via the Internet; comfort or ease of staff members with being able to manage the system from any computer; plus the quality of the graphics of the product were superior.”

The Results

Since adopting Destination Reading and Destination Math, Shadowlawn has posted 8-10% gains annually in the number of students meeting State and District standards. The positive pilot results at Shadowlawn have resulted in district-wide purchases of both Destination Math and Destination Reading for all elementary schools.

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