



PROFILE - ST.VRAIN VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Total Enrollment: 22,000
Spec Ed Enrollment: 1,900
School Sites: 40+

CHALLENGES

"Outdated, unreliable IEP software

"Manual and redundant data entry

"Inaccurate data

"Difficulty meeting Colorado and federal special education compliance requirements

SOLUTION

St.Vrain Valley School District "went live" with Spectrum K12's ENCORE! solution. The district's special education staff now completes compliant electronic forms and IEPs in less time. This gives these educators more time to teach their students.



ST. VRAIN VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT MOVES TO A WEB-BASED SPECIAL EDUCATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

Challenges and Goals

St. Vrain Valley School District serves 13 communities in a 411 square mile area outside of Denver, Colorado. The district relied on manual entry and re-entry of data for its 1,900 students receiving special education services. The district was using an outdated, unreliable IEP software program, plus a separate special education student database for tracking student information. The district needed to find a way to eliminate data entry redundancy and to effectively track its data to ensure compliance with Colorado and federal regulations.

The district's goals were to:

- Find an integrated solution that could interface with the district's other systems (including Chancery SMS)
- Provide a web-based solution so that system users could quickly and easily input and access special education data
- Increase classroom time by decreasing time spent on administrative tasks
- Ease the burdens of maintaining compliance with state and federal regulations

A Data-Driven Solution

Through working with a consortium of other Colorado districts facing similar challenges, St.Vrain selected Spectrum K12's web-based ENCORE!® Special Education suite. The district chose ENCORE! to:

- Ensure accountability district-wide
- Provide electronic forms which are easier for staff to use
- Automate compliance checking

During St.Vrain's ENCORE! implementation, Spectrum K12 provided a project manager, trainer and technical consultant to not only help district staff identify data issues, but also to provide guidance and support for the overall project implementation. St.Vrain and Spectrum K12 worked collaboratively on analyzing data that was loaded into ENCORE!, which was seamlessly integrated with Chancery SMS to allow data flow between the two systems.

Extraordinary Solutions for Exceptional Populations

ENCORE! has helped school districts attain dramatic improvements in special education management.

Results include:

Improved test scores

Virtual elimination of procedural violations in Individualized Education Plan (IEP) forms

Significant reduction of training time for new hires

Ease of lateral transfer of employees and students by providing district-wide data access

Reduction of IEP meeting times by more than 50%

Improved staff morale and decreased special education teacher turnover by 20%

\$300 average savings per special education child per year in hard costs

\$200 average savings per special education child per year in soft costs

Spectrum K12 also helped champion the project to St. Vrain staff members. By providing in-depth training and technical support, the company helped smooth the transition from an outdated, unreliable electronic system to a streamlined electronic solution. More than 150 special educators in the district's 40 schools use the system. Now, as teachers and service providers enter data, ENCORE! automatically pre-fills specific information such as student demographic data. ENCORE! also verifies compliance and identifies fields with missing or invalid data that would cause compliance issues. ENCORE!'s sophisticated rules engine automatically calculates future milestones and schedules future meeting dates.

Results

Spectrum K12's web-based solution has helped St. Vrain Valley School District realize its goals for its special education management system. The district no longer invests precious time in redundant data entry and manual compliance checking. With ENCORE!, teachers and administrators have access 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to the most recently entered data in the system. Staff members can also collaborate on IEPs, which fosters a new level of cooperation among IEP team members. St. Vrain's special educators are happy with the ENCORE! solution. It allows them to reallocate their time and resources to in-class teaching. These teachers and providers now create more compliant forms in much less time than they could with their previous special education management system.

About Spectrum K12

Spectrum K12 School Solutions (formerly 4GL School Solutions) is the leading provider of software applications and professional development for teachers and administrators of special populations. Designed for school districts of all sizes, Spectrum K12's products remove the paperwork burden from teachers and administrators, giving you more time to focus on what you love - educating children.

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