

CASE STUDY

Olive Peirce Middle School

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INSTITUTION PROFILE:

District: Ramona City Unified
School District

Location: Ramona, California

Products used: Advantage 1200 scanners,
DataLink Software and
test forms

Number of students: 1100

Number of teachers: 43

"Our school turned to Apperson because they provided us with testing solutions that are easy to use, resourceful and inexpensive. With Apperson's scanners and test forms, we now get test results on demand and our teachers and students love being able to comprehend what their test results really mean. I cannot stress enough to other districts and schools how Apperson's products can change the lives of students and teachers."

– Melissa Cobian, Olive Peirce Middle School

The Challenge

Olive Peirce Middle School was struggling with the one Scantron™ scanner they had in the main office. The scanner was usually out of order and the school would need to wait days for a technician to arrive onsite to make repairs. With more than 1,100 students attending this one school, which is almost double the state of California's average, there was a constant overflow of exams that needed scoring, leaving no room for a machine that was constantly out of operation.

The requirements of the nationwide No Child Left Behind Act were particularly burdensome to this school because of its large student population. Teachers were struggling to find a solution that would help them identify where their students were lacking proficiency - a tool necessary to enable teachers to differentiate their instruction.

Olive Peirce Middle School needed a cost-effective solution that permitted their teachers to quickly score their students' tests, while also providing additional reports and data so that the teachers knew both what material needs more emphasis and which students need more instruction.

The Solution

When Olive Peirce Middle School came to Apperson with their situation, we evaluated the school's needs as a whole and presented a solution that would save time, money and improve their overall teaching results.

Because Apperson's Advantage 1200 scanner is priced well below other competitors' scanners, they were able to place an individual scanner in each of the 26 core classrooms, giving the teachers the ability to scan their students' test as they were administered.

In addition to the scanners, we demonstrated how to utilize the DataLink™ software which is included with each of our scanners. This software allowed teachers to quickly view their students' test results in a variety of formats, including in standardized reports and Microsoft Excel, as well as gave them the ability to save, export or share these results with their students, other faculty, and even parents. Because of this unique and valuable feature, teachers can revise their lesson plans to fulfill their students individual educational needs.

The Results

The adoption of the 26 Advantage 1200 scanners was a success in terms of faster and better test data, improvement in material coverage and even better student-teacher relationships.

Teachers can now differentiate their instruction easily and effectively by using the item analysis and proficiency reports provided through the DataLink™ software.

In addition, teachers could now have their students run their own tests through the classroom scanner, making it an exciting class event while creating motivation for their students to do well.

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