



## Sunnyvale School District Earns an A+ for Upgrade to PowerSchool® Premier

### Challenge

Quality, collaboration and achievement can best describe the Sunnyvale School District of Sunnyvale, California. Committed to improvement and sustained growth, the Sunnyvale School District is 100% focused on the highest level of education for its 6,000 students and the best possible performance of its educators.

Since 1999, the district relied on SASI, a student information system of Pearson, to help administrators and teachers monitor, track, and report on student data and progress. However, as time progressed, the Sunnyvale School District began to experience limitations with the system, that negatively impacted administrators and teachers.

With the SASI system, Sunnyvale needed to maintain 11 different servers for its eight K-5 elementary schools and two grades 6-8 middle schools. Ultimately, this resulted in data accuracy issues and a cumbersome technology challenge for administrators. Additionally, teachers needed a new reporting tool to manage the growing attendance management challenges for each classroom.

In 2006, the Sunnyvale School District decided to upgrade to a centralized, web-based system that would better prepare administrators, teachers and students for the future and enable the district to use student data to make better decisions and ultimately power student achievement on a new level.

### Solution

After researching an array of web supported student information system options, Sunnyvale elected to upgrade the SASI system with Pearson's PowerSchool Premier, the first student information system designed from the ground up as a web-based solution. As a district committed to excellence and performance, Sunnyvale required a system that could eventually move the district beyond administrative reporting by enabling them to use the data they collect to increase student achievement and identify trends and patterns that may affect student outcomes – a key benefit of PowerSchool Premier.

In February 2008, Sunnyvale launched PowerSchool Premier in the school district. Immediately, the simple integration of the system allowed the district to move to a centralized database supported by two servers as opposed to the 11 servers required by the SASI system.

From the onset, PowerSchool Premier has raised the bar for accountability among district educators and empowered them to make better decisions for their students. Within just four short months, Sunnyvale has successfully established a routine among all stakeholders.

“At Sunnyvale, we are committed to providing administrators, teachers and students with the industry's best, next generation solutions that will truly enhance student achievement and deliver the highest quality in education,” stated Bruce Selzler, manager of Instructional Technology and Student Information for the Sunnyvale School District. “By upgrading to PowerSchool Premier, we are one step closer to fulfilling that mission. It was the best decision we could have made in preparing our teachers and students for the future.”

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## Benefits

Attendance and state reporting are two leading requirements for K-12 school districts in the state of California. Through Pearson’s PowerTeacher, the industry’s easiest, most teacher-friendly online grade book, Sunnyvale principals, teachers and administrators now have immediate access to attendance reports empowering all educators to communicate with one another on a more regular basis.

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Over the course of the next year, Sunnyvale plans to implement several new functionalities of the system including the various customizable features and the parent portal, which is set to launch in the second semester of the 2008-2009 school year. Sunnyvale’s community and parents are extensively involved in the district and parents are looking forward to taking part in the next step of communication and collaboration with teachers and administrators.

The District is committed to continuous improvement and has demonstrated its vision for the next generation of schools as proven in its selection of the PowerSchool Premier solution. With strong parent, industry and community support there’s no limit to the heights of Sunnyvale School District student learning achievements.

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