



District Case Study

PROFILE

Lancaster School District is about 60 miles northeast of Los Angeles, California and serves more than 15,000 students in pre-K through eighth grade.



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Fostering Active Learning During Remote Instruction

Quick Pivot to Remote Learning

In 2020, when COVID-19 led to school closures, Tara Goines and Kelly Fountain (Director of Early Childhood Education) looked for simple and effective distance learning resources to meet the physical activity requirements in California's Desired Results Developmental Profile. They evaluated the web-based Walkabouts Platform. In March, the district began using the platform with pre-K students.

Solution

District leaders lessened the burden of finding remote-friendly resources on teachers and implemented the Walkabouts Platform for the 2020-2021 school year. In pre-K, teachers get 30 minutes of synchronous instructional time with students. Walkabouts lessons are ideal because each can be completed in 7-10 minutes. The platform is simple to navigate, and all teachers, regardless of their comfort level with technology, can easily use it.

Outcome

The district used WebEx to facilitate remote instruction. In Gallery mode, teachers played Walkabouts lessons so students could see both their teacher and peers doing the same activity. This helped students feel like they were in PE class.

Looking ahead: Goines planned to use the Walkabouts Platform's detailed reports to monitor how many minutes/miles/activities were completed in pre-K classes. When the district moved back to in-person learning, it had in place an agile solution for keeping students engaged and actively learning.

“When a teacher uses Walkabouts, students jump up and get ready to learn with energy and excitement!” – Tara Goines

The Walkabouts Platform, a web-based kinesthetic learning solution for pre-K to 5th grade students, boosts engagement and retention through short, movement-rich lessons that activate the elementary curriculum.

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