



HERNANDO COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Instant Access to Reliable K-12 Data from Performance Matters Empowers Decision-Making

Hernando County School District (HCSD), a midsize suburban district in Brooksville, Florida, wants all their students to achieve to the best of their ability. They've committed to effectively preparing all their students for a successful transition into a diverse and changing world. But, without the right tools in place, this vision was getting cloudy.

In Search of a Better Solution

HCSD began 2012 with a strategic focus area that included the consistent use of student assessment data to drive and differentiate instruction that addresses all students' individual needs. They wanted to use the wealth of data points that they collect to truly make an impact on student achievement and performance. But, without an effective means of pulling their varied and siloed data points together in a meaningful way, they were unable to gain the insights they needed to make necessary changes.

What they wanted was an **on-demand and intuitive tool that allowed every user to easily access the information they needed** without having to make information requests from administrators or the IT department. This led them to **PowerSchool Performance Matters**.

Hernando County School District (HCSD) | PK-12



23
Schools



22,000+
Students



1,500+
Teachers



1,400+
Non-teaching staff

AT A GLANCE

Challenge

- Teachers didn't have easy access to student learning data
- Administrators couldn't track at-risk indicators like attendance rates, course failures, suspensions, and level 1 scores on state tests
- Teacher and administrators didn't have the data tools needed to impact student achievement and performance

Solution

- [Performance Matters Assessment](#)
- [Performance Matters Analytics](#)

Results

- Teachers and staff can **easily access and work with** student learning data
- Administrators use student performance data to **identify and prioritize school and district needs**, allowing them to allocate resources more effectively
- Educators can easily **use data to drive instruction**, resulting in students achieving steady gains on state tests
- The district is achieving its vision of **helping all students achieve to their greatest ability**

A Wealth of Data at Their Fingertips

HCSD began using PowerSchool Performance Matters in 2012. With the Assessment and Analytics products, **educators can now author and administer authentic assessments, analyze student data from multiple sources, and act on that information to improve teaching and learning.** Thanks to a district-wide focus on data-driven decision making, HCS students are achieving steady gains on state tests and schools are improving their overall performance as well.

In 2015, the district also implemented a customizable reporting and filtering module. HCSD uses the module to track indicators including attendance rates, discipline referrals, suspensions, course failures, and Level 1 scores on state tests in English language arts and mathematics. Educators then use these measures to **quickly identify at-risk students** so they can intervene as needed and monitor their progress.

“One of the biggest advantages of PowerSchool Performance Matters is the **instant access to data, anytime, anywhere.** Whenever we do anything, we pull the data from Performance Matters. Everything we need is right there at our fingertips.”

MICHELLE KERNAN

Director of Federal Programs and Academic Services,
Hernando County School District

“The data is also used in the development of goals and targets for school improvement plans,” said Michelle Kernan, Director of Federal Programs and Academic Services. “We can look at trends at the school level and identify areas where our Positive Behavior Support program can have an impact. We can also compare district-level data to school-level data to see which interventions are working and which aren’t.”



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