

ANOKA-HENNEPIN SCHOOL DISTRICT

Northwest of the Twin Cities in Minnesota, the Anoka-Hennepin school district educates 40,000 students from 13 municipalities in Anoka and Hennepin Counties. The district has 43 permanent facilities, including regular schools and two central office/support centers. In addition, there are a number of leased facilities that serve as alternative schools or special service sites. The district employs 4,700 permanent staff, including 2,650 certified teaching staff.

Challenge

Improving data accuracy, efficiency and timeliness district-wide.

Solution

The district selected School Interoperability Framework (SIF®) to deliver on their goal of improved data accuracy and efficiency. In order to gauge the long-term results, the district began small, implementing in one large elementary school—Ramsey Elementary—using the SIFWorks® Zone Integration Server (ZIS) as the central communications point for the SIF zone.

Results

The trial at Ramsey Elementary exceeded expectations, proving that SIF saved actual data entry time, eliminated the movement of paper from one office to another, and significantly reduced errors. SIF also saved in coordination and reconciliation efforts by keeping data in the different systems synchronized and secure.

Because of the early success of the one-school trial, SIF was promptly installed district-wide at Anoka-Hennepin. Today, data is exchanged in real time between the district office and each school's main office, media center and attendance office. SIFWorks and SIF-enabled tools save Anoka-Hennepin's media center staff a full two weeks' time every fall just in initial data entry. In addition, changes throughout the year are now propagated in nearly real time within the district with absolute accuracy. This has not only reduced the data management burden for the district but has revolutionized the way the schools operate by automating much of the previously labor-intensive business of managing education.

Anoka-Hennepin is now a SIF showcase and testing center, built around the powerful the SIFWorks Enterprise ZIS and utilizing all of the communication, signaling and administration features of SIF.



“As we have implemented SIF, I now realize that it has the power to improve student performance and educational services as well. This is much more exciting to me than just running a school more efficiently.”

JEFF CLUSIAU,
principal,
Ramsey Elementary School

Assuring Your Success

Edustructures ensures your SIF implementation success story by offering a comprehensive program of training, technical support and consulting services.

Implementation

Our implementation engineers have successfully installed more state and district projects than any other SIF vendor, experience that results in a superior implementation. The implementation process involves analysis and planning, installing the server software, creating zones, defining the agents that will be registered in each zone, and configuring access control permissions.

Project Management

As the first company dedicated to delivering SIF-based solutions, Edustructures offers a dedicated staff to deliver extensive, real world, best-practice project management for your implementation.

Training/Professional Development

Edustructures offers a variety of training options tailored to each district or state need. Basic SIFWorks training includes installation, configuration, and continued maintenance of the SIF infrastructure.

Ongoing Support

Edustructures maintains an experienced team of support professionals focused on your success via toll-free phone and email. Additionally, our Customer Support Center portal offers downloads of the latest versions of our products, the ability to open or view support cases, browsing of technical support bulletins and product documentation, and access to our technical knowledge base.

Edustructures: SIF is all we do!

- **MORE state and district SIF implementations than any other SIF solution provider**
- **MORE available certified agents than any other SIF solution provider**
- **MORE SIF agents have been built using our technology than all other technology platforms combined**
- **FIRST to market with a commercial Zone Integration Server (ZIS)**
- **FIRST to implement district-wide SIF solutions**
- **FIRST to scale SIF to State-level implementations**
- **FIRST commercial SIF development toolkit**

ABOUT EDUSTRUCTURES

Edustructures is the recognized leader in SIF integration solutions for the pK-12 education market, making it possible for market-leading Student Information, Library, Transportation, Cafeteria, Directory solutions and more to reliably and securely share data in real time. Through its SIFWorks integration platform, comprehensive professional services, and business relationships with technology providers and educators, Edustructures connects the systems that power education.

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