

Regents School of Austin Discovers New Insights and Saves Time with Videri.

CHALLENGE

Time-intensive and manual reporting processes. Limited visibility to data resulting in delayed decision-making.

SOLUTION

Videri™ Analytics Solution

RESULTS

- > Significant time savings including a full day of staff **time reclaimed** each week on instructional reports.
- > Easy access to information to address issues and **make improvements** in the areas of curriculum, enrollment, accreditation and staff development.



Summary

Regents School of Austin is a private school located in Austin, Texas with the mission of providing a classical education founded on and informed by a Christian worldview. Founded in 1992, Regents School of Austin serves more than 1,000 students in grades K-12 on one 82-acre campus. The Regents educational philosophy has a limited dependency on technology and students are trained to be life-long learners who pursue excellence in their given fields. The school integrates learning in and out of traditional classroom settings, as well as collaborative learning involving Harkness discussions. They are accredited by the Association of Classical and Christian Schools (ACCS).

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Cumbersome Reporting Processes

Regents School offers their students a unique learning experience, but the data and reporting needed to make adjustments to curriculum, teaching resources and staff development was a burden to assemble. “We simply didn’t have access to a lot of our data. For the data we did have access to, it required manual extraction and loading into Microsoft Excel for reporting. That was very time intensive,” said Melissa Kummerer, Project Manager. “Inaccessible data meant potentially missing out on making a decision quickly that could better support our students and faculty.”

Delivering a Consistent Student Experience

One of the priorities for Regents School is to ensure every student has a similar learning opportunity while in attendance. The school aims to deliver, for example, the same 9th grade history course regardless of which teacher a student has. The intent is that workload and grading requirements are consistent, with no “hard teacher/easy teacher” divide. Bringing together every teacher’s grades, number of assignments, and student trends over time was a labor-intensive and manual process. “We didn’t have good access to our data to make educational and curricular decisions. We had a vision of being able to learn from student performance year-to-year in order to tweak our curriculum and to aid our teachers’ professional development. The Videri Academic Performance Charts allow us to see horizontal alignment, within a grade, and vertical alignment, from grade-to-grade within the school. It’s also a quick click to understand students involved in our Learning Initiative by grade level and by teacher. Data that had been buried in our SIS, or even in various file folders, is now on the dashboard with just a click or two,” said Kummerer.

A New Approach to Analytics

With a growing number of students and a need to ensure a consistent learning experience, Regents School acquired the Videri™ analytics solution from Certica. “Our teaching reports (grade distribution, course comparison, number of assignments) used to take me a full day to compile and now takes me three seconds thanks to Videri. I can now run these reports multiple times per week to share with our team versus monthly. We also have access to historical trends to make more informed decisions and can easily monitor our progress towards learning goals,” said Kummerer.

Not only has the school saved time and derived greater insights from Videri, they’ve established a platform on which to expand. “We’re adding a Human Resources and Finance module to our instance of Videri. This will allow our principals to budget more easily and visualize teacher information like years of employment, certifications and degrees. Some custom configurations will allow us to easily compile the data we need for accreditation, too. We are now better prepared to serve our school and community with the right info at our fingertips,” said Kummerer.

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