

Helping Teachers and Students Realize their Potential with PowerSchool Unified Classroom™

A challenge many educators face is finding the balance between delivering highly engaging instruction and meeting the individual needs of students.

Successfully achieving both often requires collaboration to help educators and students alike unlock opportunities that help them realize their potential, in their own way. That's why New York's VOICE Charter School has a mission of giving teachers and students choice and a voice in their learning, thus paving the way for increased collaboration and communication within the school community.

A Lack of Visibility into Student Performance

Teachers and school administrators at VOICE Charter School did not have real-time access to student information which made it difficult to quickly communicate with parents about a student's performance. Additionally, school staff also encountered challenges using a manual system to manage attendance and student schedules.

"Communication was transpiring, but we needed a better way to involve our families to help each student reach their full potential," says **Scott Walker**, Senior Data Specialist at VOICE Charter School. "We wanted teachers to have the time needed to teach the curricula and ensure students understood the concepts taught."



Challenge

Teachers faced challenges balancing time between managing student data and delivering instruction




Decision

PowerSchool Unified Classroom™



Results

Instant insight into student performance to better gauge progress; improved communication and collaboration



Backstory

Located in Long Island City, New York, VOICE Charter School serves over 680 elementary and middle school students. Dedicated to supporting the minds and hearts of its students, VOICE Charter School combines rigorous academics with daily instruction, encouraging creative and critical thinking while improving academic performance.

Supporting Teachers to Drive Student Achievement

Selecting and implementing PowerSchool Unified Classroom was driven by the needs of VOICE Charter School teachers. "We communicated and collaborated with our teachers to identify what they were looking for in a software solution," says Walker. **"Meeting our teacher's classroom needs allows them to then meet the individual needs of our students."**

School leaders of VOICE Charter School implemented PowerSchool Unified Classroom to improve collaboration within its school community, help teachers streamline their daily tasks to enhance instructional time, and provide the opportunity for students to take ownership of their learning.

What was once a time-consuming process to manage student grades and attendance is now simplified. **"Our teachers have one single solution for everything to more efficiently manage data and easily generate reports,"** says Walker. Staff can easily identify students' needs with a personalized dashboard that shows real-time performance. "The ability to share assignments saves our teachers time and adds value to the co-teaching environment we've established at VOICE Charter School," says Walker.

Walker taught for seven years in the classroom and is now in a role at VOICE Charter School that allows him to analyze data to help teachers more efficiently educate students to drive their success. PowerSchool Unified Classroom is an essential solution used to help Walker and school staff reach that goal. "Accessing one system to have key insights about a student's performance is vital and really appreciated," says Walker.

"In using PowerSchool Unified Classroom, we have improved both communication and collaboration in our school community to further help us reach our goal of empowering students to be successful in life."

"PowerSchool Unified Classroom provides us with the flexibility in a system we once didn't have. The solution is user-friendly and enables information to be shared between school buildings."

SCOTT WALKER

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At PowerSchool, we believe in the simple truth that every student deserves the best opportunities in life.

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