

Blueprint for Success

Ector County ISD, TX

District Quick Facts

Number of Years with Classworks: 3

Number of Students: 29,013

Number of Schools: 37

Demographics: 65% Hispanic, 10% Limited English Proficiency, 56% Economically Disadvantaged

Embracing Change

Like school districts across the country, Ector County Independent School District (ECISD) was facing the challenge of implementing instruction that met the needs of ALL students. While initiatives like an emphasis on hands-on teaching and professional learning communities improved the instructional atmosphere at ECISD, it quickly became clear that technology was the key to enabling teachers to meet all student's needs.

ECISD has now achieved a successful Response to Intervention (RtI) program that integrates multiple technology programs to meet the needs of students at each Tier.

Implementing Technology

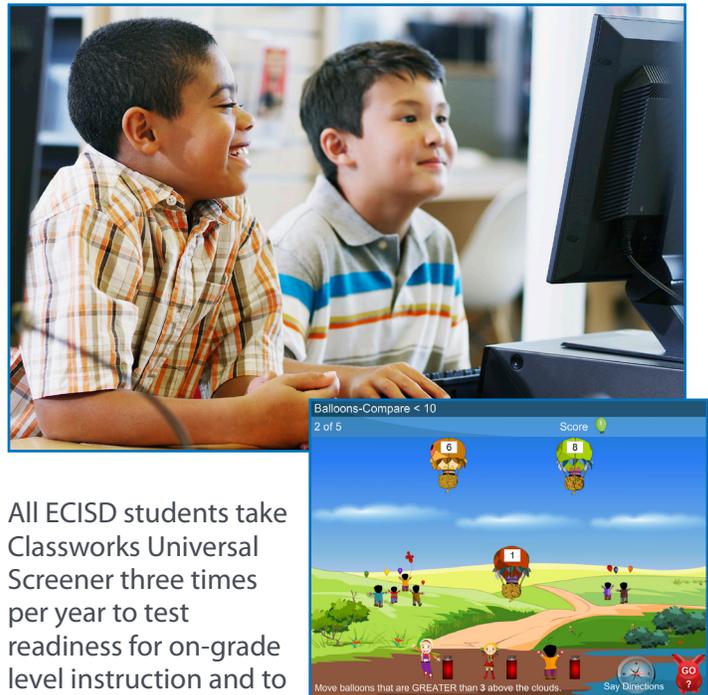
To provide resources for students at all levels, ECISD has two technology programs at Tier 1 and another specifically for its Tier 2 and Tier 3 students. For Tier 1, teachers use state-provided programs Think Through Math® and iStation® Reading as supplemental instruction. These programs provide instructional games that reinforce skills learned in the classroom. Meanwhile, to provide individualized instruction for Tier's 2 and 3, the district purchased Classworks®, an online instruction and assessment solution.

Classworks Makes an Impact

ECISD purchased Classworks in 2011 – starting with just 6 elementary schools in the district. ECISD expanded the program to all 25 elementary schools in the district and 1 junior high school, prior to the 2012 school year.

“Classworks has been integral to ECISD achieving our goal of supporting the needs of all our students. The benefits we've seen, and continue to see, are truly invaluable.”

~Carolyn Gonzalez, Assistant Superintendent of C & I



All ECISD students take Classworks Universal Screener three times per year to test readiness for on-grade level instruction and to inform movement from

Tier to Tier. Classworks provides clear, graphic reports that enable teachers to easily identify students who require additional instructional support.

Tier 2 and 3 students are provided targeted instruction focused on their areas of need. Using the Universal Screener results, Classworks creates an Individualized Learning Path (ILP) for each student based on their specific skill deficits. This truly puts the student data to work – all while freeing up the teacher to concentrate on students one-on-one. Teachers can adjust the instruction as needed, even customizing by learning style to maximize results for students in Tier 3.

Classworks Managed Services team has continued to train, coach, and mentor ECISD educators. This trusted, ongoing relationship, combined with strong fidelity of implementation has contributed to the success of Classworks in ECISD.

Continued Success

District-level support and participation in the implementation and ongoing use of programs at each level of the RtI system has proven to be the key to success for ECISD. Both teachers and administrators have embraced these programs as the solution to meeting the needs of all students, while ensuring college and career readiness through technology.