Mount Vernon Presbyterian School

PowerSchool & ISV Partner CareFlow

Profile

Location: Atlanta, Georgia
Enrollment: 891 students
Number of Campuses: 2
Grades: PreK-12

Challenge

From early learning to college and career readiness, from advanced placement courses to theater program awards, Mount Vernon Presbyterian School sets the standard for independent school education in Georgia. Established in 1972, this private school prides itself on innovation and strives to stay up on new technology.

However, they found their web-based student information system (SIS) lacking in integration ability. In the words of Chief Technology Officer Mikey Canup, their old SIS "did not play well with others." Previously, Mount Vernon used a paper-based system for their student health data. Because of this, faculty had little insight into trends in injuries or illnesses within the school.

Solution

After working with PowerSchool SIS in another position, the registrar recommended it to decision-makers at Mount Vernon. With its web-based platform and mobile offerings, PowerSchool would allow them to pursue cloud-based computing and paper-free classrooms.

In addition, PowerSchool already integrated seamlessly with CareFlow's electronic medical record (EMR) program, making the decision to purchase both easy and compromise-free. With CareFlow and PowerSchool combined, Mount Vernon could keep student records up-to-date with health information, all within a single sign-on (SSO) environment.

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Chief Technology Officer

Results

Mount Vernon staff is very technology-savvy, installing PowerSchool themselves guided by the registrar's previous experience. "When compared with other systems, our PowerSchool project managers were highly organized with outlines for our implementation," Canup recalls. Mount Vernon has high goals for its staff's professional development, making PowerSchool training a must. To ease the transition, Mount Vernon offered its faculty convenient online training through PowerSource for the first few weeks of school.

For parents, the benefit of PowerSchool over their previous SIS is substantial. Canup has noticed there are less parent complaints. "On our previous system, it was a constant battle getting the parents comfortable with using it. There was a lot of training involved. With PowerSchool and CareFlow, after sending an initial email to parents, we've been able to focus more on our data's accuracy and less on training and troubleshooting." In addition, the combined solution allows parents to enjoy peace of mind that their child's medical data is secure and up-to-date. "CareFlow is going to help us grow and offer us more things down the road," Canup continues. By adapting to changes in educational technology, Mount Vernon feels assured that their partnership with CareFlow will benefit them well into the future.

Since Mount Vernon spans early learning through senior high school, many of their students stay for years. With two campuses, having a central data system improves record accuracy and security. "The ability to upload doctor's notes and prescriptions is a big help to nurses. We don't want to make an error in student safety and this data helps inform safety measures going forward," reports Glenn Campus Nurse, Ruth Ellen Bridgers. Now, with CareFlow and PowerSchool's all-in-one database, they can easily track and maintain student's grades and health records year to year.