

Customer Success Story:

Corona-Norco Unified School District



K-12 | English Language Learning



Language Learning to Build Bilingual and Biliteracy Skills

Challenges

Corona-Norco Unified School District (CNUSD) serves over 53,000 students in three diverse communities within Riverside County southeast of Los Angeles. CNUSD needed an English language solution flexible enough to support a range of learners across the district, from students in all K-12 schools, including those in dual-immersion, enrichment, intervention, and after school programs, to students in the newcomer population. The district also sought to offer the language program as a supplement to the language development curriculum, to Pre-K students, and to parents and other adults in the community.



Implementation

In 2006, CNUSD implemented the Rosetta Stone® Language Lessons Version 3 for K-12 (formerly Rosetta Stone® Classroom) solution district-wide for all elementary, middle, and secondary schools. Online access to Rosetta Stone language learning complemented classroom instruction and promoted independent study, and enabled:

- Individual schools to meet the needs of their diverse populations
- Students to learn at their own pace, up to five times per week
- Learning to occur during and after school in classrooms, computer labs, and school libraries
- Parents to learn language along with their children
- Adults to gain new language skills with confidence

Benefits

CNUSD realized the following benefits after implementation of the Rosetta Stone solution:

- Students in Dual Language Immersion scored between 6.4%-15.5% growth in Language Arts and between 3.8 %-19.7% growth in Math
- Growth in student engagement and motivation
- Increased learner confidence to speak, read, and write in English
- Critical life and work skills for all groups, including adults
- Supported district-wide English Language Initiative and complemented classroom instruction

"The Rosetta Stone program increases oral confidence in learners by providing opportunities to practice listening to their own pronunciation and lowering their affective filter."

Bertha Barajas,
Educational Services
EL Department

Flexible Language Solution

Over 49 languages are spoken by students in 48 schools across the CNUSD system. With such language and location diversity, an adaptable ELL solution was required to meet the varying needs of all schools. The flexibility of the Rosetta Stone® solution enabled a variety of learners to build English language skills with confidence, including:

- Newcomer students
- Students in enrichment, intervention, or after school programs
- Transitional kinder students
- Language development curriculum students
- Parents and other adults

Dual Immersion Support

CNUSD established its dual immersion program to help K–12 students achieve language proficiency in Spanish and English. While research shows bilingual students outperform other students academically, the CNUSD dual immersion program also increased cultural awareness and helped foster a positive school environment for all students. Six CNUSD schools offered the program: four elementary, one middle, and one secondary. English language support for English learners was provided by the interactive Rosetta Stone solution, which enabled students to gain the confidence to speak, read, and write English. Many students, particularly newcomers, accessed the language-learning program daily. CNUSD aimed to develop bilingual and biliterate skills to increase academic achievement. Results show that students in Dual Language Immersion scored between 6.4%-15.5% growth in Language Arts and between 3.8%-19.7% growth in Math.

Adult Learner Success

Adults learning English developed critical employment and life skills. With the Rosetta Stone method, adults gained the confidence to speak English supported by speech-recognition technology that provided immediate feedback to help improve pronunciation. Supplemental worksheets reinforced core lessons and were used at home, with parents sometimes working side-by-side with their children who were also learning English.

Critical Staff Development

Improving communication within schools, with parents, and in the community at large is an important CNUSD goal. Rosetta Stone licenses were assigned and managed using Administrator Tools (formerly Rosetta Stone Manager™). This gave teachers, administrators, counselors, and other staff access to the language-learning program. Minimum usage requirements insured licenses not fully used were reassigned.

"Rosetta Stone provides flexibility and can be customized to meet many instructional needs across the district."

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About Corona-Norco

The Corona-Norco Unified School District is located approximately 45 miles southeast of Los Angeles in western Riverside County. CNUSD consists of thirty-one elementary schools, eight intermediate/middle schools, five comprehensive high schools, a middle college high school and three alternative schools. The district serves over 53,000 students in the diverse communities of Corona, Norco, and Eastvale. CNUSD is the largest school district in Riverside County and the tenth largest district in California and has been providing quality education to the students of the Corona and Norco area for over 120 years.

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About Rosetta Stone

Rosetta Stone is a global leader in technology-based learning. We offer our clients scalable language and learning solutions for individuals, single classrooms, and entire organizations.

Our solutions have been implemented in over 20,000 schools and in more than 17,000 private and public sector organizations, and they are used by millions of learners in over 150 countries throughout the world.

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