

Customer Success Story:

KIPP Courage College Prep



K-12 | Multilingual Skill Development



Improving performance through multilingualism

Challenges

KIPP Courage College Prep at Landrum Middle School, in cooperation with the SKY Partnership with Spring Branch ISD and YES Prep in Houston, Texas, needed a technology program to support the goal of multilingualism for Grades 5–8 students. KIPP sought a program to complement classroom instruction that would strengthen bilingual skills and enable students to expand language study beyond bilingualism by their high school graduation. The program needed to provide personalized learning in a motivating and engaging learning environment. In addition, KIPP wanted to strengthen performance on the Texas English Language Proficiency Assessment System (TELPAS).

Implementation

In 2012, KIPP Courage designed a program that blended the Rosetta Stone® Language Lessons Version 3 (formerly Rosetta Course®) solution with a well-defined curriculum structure that included small group instruction, supervised and independent practice, as well as frequent and authentic assessments to provide:

- Individualized, personalized instruction with a web-based solution
- Lab rotational study model with learners utilizing the program 30 minutes per session, four times per week
- Adaptable implementation to meet the diverse needs of student groups
- Virtual language lab allowing students to build skills independently

Benefits

KIPP Courage realized several benefits as a result of the Rosetta Stone® implementation, including:

- Enhanced development of all language skills creating proficiencies in English and Spanish
- Increased student confidence in and out of the classroom
- Growth in percentage of students in top quartile or higher for reading improvements
- Improved performance on TELPAS

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at Landrum Middle School

"With Rosetta Stone, in one room we can help an ESL student master English, help a non-native Spanish speaker learn Spanish, and have an already bilingual student learn Greek!"

Eric M. Schmidt
School Leader
KIPP Courage College Prep

Strengthened Bilingual Skills

With Hispanic students constituting 92% of program learners, KIPP Courage focuses on strengthening Spanish skills and enhancing English language skills to increase achievement on the TELPAS. Working with parents of program participants as well as reviewing TELPAS results, a program of study is personalized for each language learner. Some learners utilize the Rosetta Stone® solution to strengthen language skills in their native language, which is typically Spanish. Others use the program to build out English Language skills. The ultimate goal of the program is for students to be proficient in both languages when exiting 8th grade, boosting TELPAS scores and allowing them to test out of Spanish courses at the high school level. This would open the door for students to acquire a third language by their high school graduation. KIPP Courage believes meeting this multilingual goal will not only boost academic accomplishments but will better prepare students to be active participants in the global community.

Supported Multilingualism

The KIPP Courage College Prep program prepared students to acquire multilingual skills. With the Rosetta Stone solution, students:

- Strengthened speaking, listening, reading, and writing skills in both their native language and English
- Provided the foundation required to enhance classroom instruction
- Offered a personalized study environment, differentiating to the needs of learners
- Allowed students to study on both computers and mobile devices

Designed for Success

KIPP Courage developed an instructional design for students to achieve academic excellence. The program was developed to align with required state standards. With a focus on the appropriate level of rigor for each student, KIPP Courage created a learning plan tailored to the needs of participants. Students were required to join in small group instruction to activate language learned as well as participate in supervised and independent practice. The Rosetta Stone solution was used to build and strengthen language skills, with students accessing the program an average of two hours per week in a rotational lab environment. To ensure success, KIPP Courage implemented frequent and authentic assessments of student performance. Every step of the way, students were informed of their progress, empowering them to own their education achievement.

"Rosetta Stone has allowed us the flexibility needed to adequately meet the multilingual needs of all of our students."

Eric M. Schmidt, School Leader
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About KIPP Courage College Prep

KIPP Courage opened in July, 2012 in Houston, Texas. KIPP Courage is part of the SKY Partnership with Spring Branch ISD and YES Prep. As a part of this partnership, KIPP Courage not only shares space with Landrum Middle School, but KIPP Courage students also share fine arts and athletic classes with their peers at Landrum. In addition to the partnership, KIPP Courage continues to innovate around the use of technology in the classroom and around the development of character strengths as an important part of the middle school experience.

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About Rosetta Stone

Rosetta Stone is a global leader in technology-driven language and learning solutions for individuals, classrooms, and entire organizations.

Our scalable, interactive solutions have been used by over 12,000 businesses, 9,000 public sector organizations, and 22,000 education institutions worldwide, and by millions of learners in over 150 countries.

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