



## CUSTOMER SUCCESS STORY

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In Benjamin Black's 8th grade science class at Hilltop Middle School in Chula Vista, California, students don't get ready for class by sharpening their pencils, opening their textbooks and preparing to take notes. Instead, they reach for their iPads, power up their devices and make sure they are logged on to the school's Wi-Fi.

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## The Power of Anywhere, Anytime Learning & Jupiter iO

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Students in Black's class go through the same routine that they would in any other class in terms of reviewing the subject material, daily learning targets, use of standards-based curriculum, homework and exams. However, the use of mobile devices and online learning has made this routine completely paperless for Black's class, and has given Black and his students the opportunity to see immediate results.

## Introduction

It's been almost seven years since Ben Black first starting using the gradebook by Jupiter Ed. At that time he was looking for more time to focus on teaching and less time entering his grades. Jupiter Ed solutions have evolved over the past ten years and so have the needs in Ben Black's classroom.

The students in Benjamin Black's eighth grade physical science class no longer use paper and pencils. Instead they've upgraded to mobile devices. His students use their mobile devices to access Jupiter iO as the primary tool in the classroom, taking tests and doing their homework online, anywhere, anytime.

"If they don't have this learning experience, they're already behind," he said. "Nowadays, everything you do — smartphones, iPad's, tablets, whatever it is — you have the power to access information anywhere, anytime. Students want the same power."

## Ben Black's Story

### *Jupiter iO LMS*

I was using another LMS...before Jupiter Ed came out with the awesome new editions for accepting docs, links, and using rubrics and peer reviews. I haven't touched the other LMS since!

One of my favorite features in Jupiter iO's LMS is the ability to automate simple fact activities and allow students to repeat and complete assignments until they reach 100% correct.

I love the new Dropbox/file submission features and the integration within the gradebook. With Jupiter iO, the gradebook's ability to accept submission of files and rubric assessment is tremendous. Students can submit their work electronically and the completion of the assignment is automatically recorded into my gradebook. This is great for allowing peer reviews, teacher feedback and revisions and unlike other LMS systems.

With Jupiter iO LMS, I am able to flip the classroom by focusing class time on interacting with students and working on group and individual projects.

### *Jupiter iO Gradebook*

The gradebook has been tremendous at streamlining my classroom procedures and record keeping. The class log and attendance are both perfectly suited to what I wanted for accountability.

The automation of grading and entering grades is the greatest thing that has helped me as a teacher in my 7 years of experience. I do not have to work as a data entry clerk! My time is focused on the students and curriculum.

The behavior log is one of the greatest attributes. The ability to pull up student behavior during parent or admin meetings is awesome. It keeps students on task, as they know their parents will be informed. I also use it for positive reinforcement when a student does well.

The parent communication and accessibility has been highly beneficial to my classroom management. Parents can set alerts for low grades, missing assignments, and absences. Students and parents can login to check grades and homework, download files, and view

announcements and calendar notices. Both parents and students are more informed.

Sending mass email to my entire class and their parents is easy. I use this feature for a fun school-to-home activity. The email contains a question for parents to ask their student regarding the lesson of that day. This encourages parental involvement and keeps students on their toes.

### ***Jupiter iO Analytics***

Analytics allow me the data insight to address problematic questions and deficiencies that can be retaught as needed. Other systems just show averages and graphs, but Jupiter iO takes it further by analyzing pre-tests, post-tests, control groups, and the distribution of data, to show if the differences are statistically significant. It's a lot more targeted.

With Jupiter iO analytics I can test students online and analyze the results instantly, without any data entry or importing, and students receive immediate, individual feedback. This is a game changer! Students can work on different assignments, at their own pace. If they're struggling I can see who's struggling and I'm able to help the students who are in need. Those who are ready to progress can really progress and those who need help are getting it.

### ***The Results***

Since last year, when my students began utilizing mobile devices and online learning, I have seen an increase in academic achievement and classroom management. With anywhere, anytime learning:

- Students are eager to learn and complete their assignments.
- Parents are more engaged in their student's learning.
- I have the freedom to explore and be more interactive in my classes.
- My quality of life as a teacher has improved because of the efficient use of my time and focused effort of the students. I do more, better and faster.

### ***Final Thoughts***

Jupiter iO is unparalleled. There are so many features built into the Jupiter iO system. Everything is located where it should be and works like you think it should. Some features you don't even know you have or need until you discover them, like hidden gems. Jupiter iO is the Mercedes Benz of Gradebook/LMS/Analytic/SIS systems. It does many things to save you time and be more efficient.



## **Ben Black**

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- Campus Student Population: 1,200 students
- Campus Teacher Population: 45 teachers
- District Student Population: 41,000 students
- District Teacher Population: 1,750 teachers
- District Campuses: 30 campuses



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