



Upstate Homeschool Co-op, SC

Jupiter Streamlines School-to-Home Communication and Grading, Providing A Common Database for Administrators, Teachers, Parents, and Students to Access Progress of Remote Teaching and Learning in Real Time

The Challenge

Leaders at Upstate Homeschool Co-op realized that with the expanded need for hybrid learning, issues of uniform and simplified communication, grading, lesson planning, and scheduling would need to be addressed. Providing teachers with an easy to use common platform that houses assignments, grades, and resources that parents, students, and other teachers could quickly access and review, became a vital problem to solve.

Choosing Jupiter

Understanding that the co-op only had a few weeks to get onto the platform before teaching within a hybrid learning model made it important for leaders to choose the best solution. The intuitiveness of Jupiter combined with a high level of customer service ensured the Co-op had a smooth roll out and implementation. From needing help on the weekends, to daily requests, Upstate Homeschool Co-op had a direct connection to Jupiter when they needed it and were pleased with the responsiveness and receptiveness of the tech support team. Questions and support tickets were answered within the same day and they were even able to immediately jumpstart a summer session within an hour of inquiry.

The Outcome

Immediately after implementation, and with minimal assistance, all communication with parents and students were streamlined and monitored. Parents and students could see student progress in-the-moment and monitor upcoming assignments. The program allowed resources to be passed from teacher to teacher and used easily from one year to the next. Leaders continue to be amazed at how Jupiter acts as a powerful start-up kit for new teachers and serves as a much-needed database for the whole school. The Co-op also takes advantage of the message forwarding feature within the system to further streamline communication between teachers, students, and families.



Jupiter was incredibly responsive in helping us deal with distance learning!

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The Client

Upstate Homeschool Co-op is the largest homeschool co-op in the country, headquartered in Taylors, South Carolina and has a total student enrollment of 700.



Challenge

At Upstate Homeschool Co-op, complexities surrounding first-time hybrid learning - such as attendance, communication, grading, and lesson planning - were the primary concern. Leaders recognized a single platform to house and disseminate assignment and grading information to fellow teachers, students, and families were necessary. After realizing a need for streamlined workflow and communication, a preference for an intuitive and school-wide platform emerged.



Solution

Jupiter's school-to-home grading and communication features captured Upstate Homeschool Co-op's attention through its ability to effortlessly provide all stakeholders with in-the-moment information on student progress, while pulling together all digital resources needed for remote learning. Jupiter is so beneficial to use, in fact, that teachers are evolving their use of the program to meet the ever growing needs of students learning in hybrid settings.



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