



WITH DESTINY, THIS INNOVATIVE URBAN DISTRICT SUCCESSFULLY IMPLEMENTED 1:1 ACROSS ALL SCHOOLS AND DEPARTMENTS

**BARRINGTON COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 220
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Barrington Community Unit School District 220 in northwest Illinois educates more than 9,000 students in pre-kindergarten through high school. Covering 72 square miles and encompassing 12 campuses, the need for clear organization, efficiency, and proper tracking of educational resources is critical.

In 2012 the district began the initial phases of a 1:1 transformation, and in 2013 they adopted Follett Destiny® Resource Manager to provide the high level of accountability needed to make the transformation successful. Destiny was a game changer for the district, as we first reported in 2015. Since we first looked at Barrington's progress, the district has experienced new successes and overcome additional challenges.



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Director of Fiscal Services
& Asset Management



With their early goal of equipping every student with a digital device, the district relied on Destiny to help it streamline its recording and tracking in order to eliminate lost devices and over ordering technology devices. What's more, Destiny allowed the district to be more efficient and accurate in the cataloging and deployment of all resources given to students, including textbooks, tablets, STEM devices, special ed equipment, and more.

The move to 1:1 was implemented in phases. "We began our transition to 1:1 with pilot classrooms and teams at the middle school, but during the 2013-2014 school year we sent devices home to all sixth through eighth grade students for 1:1 access," said LeeAnn Taylor, Director of Fiscal Services & Asset Management for Barrington CUSD. As of today, with the help of Destiny, 1:1 has been successfully rolled out district-wide.

"Now our entire district, including all support staff, has a district-issued device," said Alyssa Fayman, Asset Control Specialist. "With Destiny Resource Manager, we are able to track when devices were purchased and distributed to staff and students. This allows us to accurately determine how many devices need to be purchased and distributed each year."

EXPANDING HOW DESTINY IS USED – AND WHO USES IT

The move to Destiny Resource Manager was made, in part, because of the district's previous experience with Follett Destiny® Library Manager. "During the planning stages, we listened to our high school librarian, who spoke highly of Follett and Destiny Library Manager," said Taylor. "She brought Follett's resource management to our attention, and after careful examination we adopted Destiny Resource Manager. We knew we needed to make

the most of our investment in the devices we were giving to kids, so we made the financial commitment to Destiny as a part of the overall budget and planning to go 1:1."

Taylor explained how work evolved at her district, including the decision of who would be trained and how to ensure resources are given appropriate naming conventions and records are not duplicated. "It was a work in progress," Taylor admitted, "but it truly paid off. We restructured a position to focus as asset clerk, and we put more internal controls in place to ensure the workflow is consistent. We've even expanded who has access to Destiny Resource Manager. For example, our HR specialist who oversees off-boarding employees is able to log in and see all materials checked out to an employee before they leave the district."

DESTINY RESOURCE MANAGER IMPROVES TRACKING, SAVES BUDGET DOLLARS, AND GIVES STAFF NEW CONFIDENCE

As the district's 1:1 transition unfolded, Destiny played an integral role in helping the team run the program with ease and confidence. It continues to maximize efficiency and cost savings now, with the team finding new ways to utilize its features each year. For instance, the district is now using Resource Manager to keep track of food service items, including point-of-sale and other cafeteria equipment, which allows them to know the exact location of certain equipment, and accurately determine needs at each location. The uses the Barrington team is exploring go on and on – including the possible merging of Destiny® Textbook Manager with Resource Manager, so all fixed goods are in one system.



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REPORTING MADE EASY

“I use Destiny Resource Manager and its reports daily,” said Fayman. “One aspect of the report manager I use frequently is the ‘Date Last Seen’ option. Our Library Technology Assistants also use the report feature every day to track our loaner devices. We have a strict two-day policy on loaners, and with Destiny, in just a matter of seconds, we can see how long each device has been checked out.”

A TRUE PARTNERSHIP

In the years since adopting Destiny, Fayman and Taylor have both been pleased with Follett’s customer support. “I have the Follett help desk on speed dial,” Fayman said. “Any time I have an issue, Follett’s team members always assist me in finding the best possible solution.” When asked what three words she would use to describe her experience working with Follett, Fayman said, “Supportive, valuable, responsive.”

“The power of this inventory system is that it is patron-driven and allows you to track things by the patron,” said Taylor. “Other asset management programs are not friendly for checking in and out devices on a user/patron account. If you use Destiny Textbook Manager or Library Manager, adding Resource Manager should be a no-brainer! To keep track of everything on one student account is simply wonderful.”

