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The Problem:

Supplying Online Learning Tools for Students with Special Needs

The goal of any educator is to provide support for their students in a way that will inspire learning and personal growth. However, with a shortage of learning tools for students with special needs, many educators are challenged with supporting the unique needs of their students within and beyond the classroom. This is the problem that Dana Allen, an Instructional Program Support Representative of the district's Communications and Social Skills (CSS) classrooms, faced in the North Florida school district of Duval County Public Schools. "Most of our students had access to homebased learning platforms, but our students with special needs didn't have online learning tools that were tailored to meet their specific needs." With 128,702 students and 198 public schools, Duval County is ranked the 20th largest school district in the nation. Allen, alongside five other district-level employees, is responsible for reviewing data, collaborating with and supporting the teachers who implement Vizzle, overseeing program expectations, and creating teacher training and support within the district's Low Incidence Programs. In an effort to support IEP objectives of the district's 17,113 students with special needs, Duval County implemented Vizzle, an interactive, visual learning software, to enhance the district's special needs classrooms by empowering teachers with lessons aligned to state standards and automatic student data collection.

128,702
Number of Students

17,113Number of Students on IEP



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The Solution:

Using Vizzle Within and Beyond Special Needs Classrooms

"Until recently, Vizzle was primarily used in our self-contained elementary programs," said Allen. However, after seeing success in the Communication Social Skills (CSS) program, which is designed to service students with ASD or related cognitive disabilities, Duval County Public Schools made the decision to introduce Vizzle to all 16 elementary Site Schools that have the CSS programs as well as 8 elementary Site Schools with Support Level Academics (SLA) programs and in select self-contained middle school and high school classrooms. "The teachers who utilize Vizzle love it! They use it every day in the classroom and even encourage parents to log in at home so the students have learned the system pretty well, too." With a library of 15,000 interactive lessons and a user-friendly platform, teachers in the district use Vizzle to support individual IEP objectives with a personalized student experience. "The overall response to Vizzle has been positive and the system is beneficial to both the teachers and the students, which is our main goal." In addition to the lesson library, Vizzle documents student success by automatically collecting data around lesson completion time and lesson scores.





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