Transitioning to Remote Learning
and Progress Monitoring

How One District Connected Home and School During COVID-19

Summary:

As COVID-19 drove school closures, Pocatello/Chubbuck School District 25 (PCSD 25) moved quickly to transition to remote learning and progress monitoring. Istation's digital assessments and instructional tools made it easy for students to continue learning at home. Plus, parents as well as teachers maintained a clear view of students' progress with on-demand data reports, as well as Istation's home assessments and progress-monitoring tools. Despite unprecedented circumstances, PCSD 25 saw a marked increase in home usage and students' skill levels climbing.

District: Pocatello/Chubbuck School District 25 in Idaho

Elementary Schools: 13

K-5 Student Population: 5,500 students

K-5 Classrooms: 450

Context:

For two years, students have utilized Istation's reading and math online curriculum. PCSD 25 also utilizes Istation's Indicators of Progress (ISIP™) computer-adaptive assessments.

> "We have seen outstanding student growth while utilizing Istation."
> — Gretchen Kinghorn, Federal Programs Coordinator at PCSD 25

Challenge:

PCSD 25 needed to transition to remote learning quickly and effectively. It needed a total e-learning solution that could assess students' learning at home, monitor progress, and provide teachers with fast, accurate feedback and instructional tools.

Response:

Gretchen Kinghorn, Federal Programs Coordinator at PCSD 25, credits their remote learning success to the hard work of teachers, administrators, and the technology department. She said it was beneficial that students were already familiar with Istation. But PCSD kept advancing student learning by expanding the technology department's help desk hours to provide extra support for parents and educators.

Students had 1:1 device access, and for students who didn't have internet access, PCSD 25 utilized Istation's teacher resources, which include thousands of printable lesson plans, automated tools, and resources that customize instruction and support diverse teaching approaches.

Teachers kept communication open with parents through email, phone calls, home visits, and Google Meets. Plus, teachers utilized Google Classroom, students worked on their own timelines, and classes met virtually to boost community.

Results:

Over 75% of participating students were using Istation at home during school closures, totalling approximately 4,300 students.

8 Ways Istation Supports Remote Learning and Progress Monitoring Plans

Explore distance learning with Istation! Whether the learning takes place in person or remotely, Istation helps schools and districts get powerful growth. Here's how:

1. Award-Winning, Innovative E-Learning
Recently named "Online Learning Innovation of the Year" by EdTech Breakthrough, Istation is recognized as a compelling distance-learning solution for reading, math, and Spanish literacy.

2. Strengthens School-To-Home Connection
Strengthening the school-to-home connection and maximizing students' learning no matter where they are, Istation gives families easy-to-use online supplemental home instruction and progress-monitoring tools, available 24-7.

3. 24-7 Progress Monitoring
Istation's Indicators of Progress (ISIP™) is Istation's formative computer-adaptive assessment. Created to meet the challenges of remote learning, ISIP Progress Monitoring At Home is Istation's award-winning progress-monitoring tool that gives teachers the ability to assess student progress from anywhere.

4. Personalized Instruction
Students can follow their individualized learning paths at home, access interactive books based on their reading ability, hone their writing skills, and more!

5. Self-Guided Learning
With the Ipractice feature for reading, math, and Spanish literacy, students can choose which animated, game-like activities to complete. Choice and agency motivate and empower students to learn.

6. Parent Features
Parents have access to Istation's Parent Portal, which provides extra home activities and personalized data profiles so they can keep up with their child's progress.

7. Teacher Tools
Teachers can see detailed reports on demand and even use the Assignments feature to give students more practice where they need it most.

8. Easy-to-Use Technology
Available for PC, Mac, Chromebook, and iPad, Istation is easy for parents to access and install.

Learn more about Istation's award-winning intervention and instruction: