

SAN MARINO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

With increasing pressure on districts to deliver academic excellence and student achievement, the ability to secure effective “classroom time” has become a critical factor in schools success today. As the State of California’s top Academic Performance Index (API) district, the 3,200-student San Marino Unified School District has leveraged IT automation and data integration—via the Schools Interoperability Framework (SIF®)—to gain valuable instructional time for teachers and students that supports the districts’ stellar achievement goals.

Challenge

Stephen Choi, director of technology for San Marino, explains that, “Despite building networks and capturing more digital information, our systems still operated as islands and ultimately lacked enterprise-wide standards. To complicate matters, software vendors did not agree on a standard, so we often had to rely on manual processing—including faxing, phone calls, and individual expertise—or ad-hoc programming to move data from point A to B.” The district set out to shift manual, inefficient, and non-secure processes to a secure, automated, and enterprise-wide interoperability standard.

Solution

Parallel to the drive for interoperability, the district was in the process of assessing their student information systems (SIS), food service POS, and library management systems. Choi and his team discovered that SIF was recognized as an industry standard by the vendors of the systems they were considering. “As it turned out, the three systems we wanted—PowerSchool®, Follett Destiny™, and LunchByte NutriKids™—were all SIF-compliant. SIF was an easy decision,” says Choi. Edustructures®, the leading SIF-solutions provider, successfully managed the SIF implementation process for San Marino, deploying the SIFWorks® Enterprise ZIS and integrating the PowerSchool SIF agent, the Follett Destiny SIF agent, and the SIF Agent for NutriKids. Initial SIF success has Choi looking to the future, “We envision a time when all systems—even identity management—will be SIF-enabled statewide.”

Results

According to Choi, “Our SIF-enabled departments now have more time to focus on more meaningful tasks. Simply put, time saved from waiting in line at the enrollment office, in the cafeteria, and the library check-out translates into more instructional time for teachers and students.” Furthermore, while Choi and his team originally viewed SIF as a ‘bonus’, they now recognize it as a critical factor in any new systems evaluation. “The sheer reduction of frustration associated with data integration and having access to information is priceless.”



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Assuring Your Success

Edustructures ensures your SIF implementation success story by offering a comprehensive program of training, technical support and consulting services.

Implementation

Our implementation engineers have successfully installed more state and district projects than any other SIF vendor, experience that results in a superior implementation. The implementation process involves analysis and planning, installing the server software, creating zones, defining the agents that will be registered in each zone, and configuring access control permissions.

Project Management

As the first company dedicated to delivering SIF-based solutions, Edustructures offers a dedicated staff to deliver extensive, real world, best-practice project management for your implementation.

Training/Professional Development

Edustructures offers a variety of training options tailored to each district or state need. Basic SIFWorks training includes installation, configuration, and continued maintenance of the SIF infrastructure.

Ongoing Support

Edustructures maintains an experienced team of support professionals focused on your success via toll-free phone and email. Additionally, our Customer Support Center portal offers downloads of the latest versions of our products, the ability to open or view support cases, browsing of technical support bulletins and product documentation, and access to our technical knowledge base.

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- **MORE available certified agents than any other SIF solution provider**
- **MORE SIF agents have been built using our technology than all other technology platforms combined**
- **FIRST to market with a commercial Zone Integration Server (ZIS)**
- **FIRST to implement district-wide SIF solutions**
- **FIRST to scale SIF to State-level implementations**
- **FIRST commercial SIF development toolkit**

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