

# PEARSON

## Challenge

Frustration may be the best word to describe how the district of Pueblo Rural felt when it came to student information systems.

After working with several less than successful student information system (SIS) solutions, the Pueblo Rural School District of Pueblo, Colorado moved full speed ahead in late 2006 to upgrade its district to a fully customizable, web-based solution that would better meet the daily challenges of all stakeholders -- from administrative end-users to parents and students -- and ultimately easing the frustration that had been growing among system users.

The 8,863-student school district required a new system that would support and deliver anytime, anywhere access with customized scheduling and reporting capabilities. Prior systems were unable to deliver these features, a shortcoming that was causing frustration within the district and particularly among the daily end-users who were unable to fulfill some of their daily responsibilities. Ultimately, this frustration led to hundreds of calls to the help desk which affected productivity overall.

In addition, the district identified several other goals for the upgrade that could not be met by previous solutions, which included a portal for parents to access student performance information, an electronic report card feature to replace hand-written cards, and student involvement capabilities.

## Solution

In January 2007, the Pueblo School District implemented Pearson's PowerSchool Premier, the first student information system designed from the ground up as a web-based solution.

Unlike prior systems, PowerSchool Premier offered a solution that was finally able to meet the unique requirements of the Pueblo Rural school district while managing expenditures. Following a quick start-up process, the district took advantage of the customized solution and launched its first portal for parental



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involvement enabling parents to collaborate with teachers and engage in student progress.

“The entire district – from administrators to parents – is extremely pleased with the PowerSchool solution,” said Tami Connelly, Student Information Administrator, Pueblo Rural School District. “From day-to-day benefits like decreased help desk calls to long-term impact on student performance and parental involvement, PowerSchool has enabled us to create a collaborative, effective and efficient system that will ultimately enhance student achievement.”

## Benefits

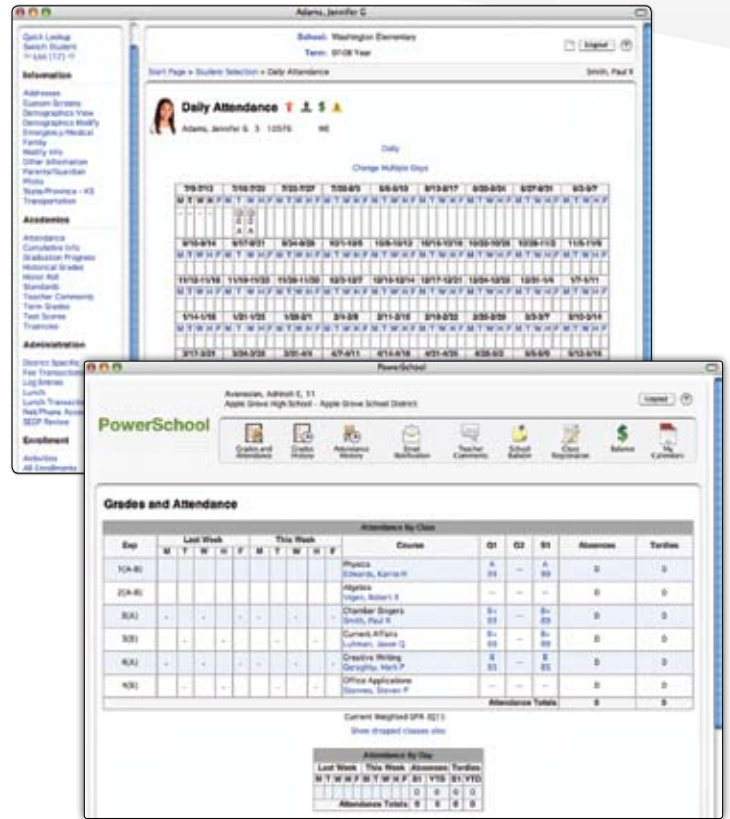
From easy-to-use data and reporting capabilities to increased parent and student involvement through the automation, web-based solution, PowerSchool has proven to be a great success for the Pueblo Rural School District.

With students using the system on a regular basis to check their grades and performance, the district hopes to see an increase in overall achievement within the next year or so. Parents have also enthusiastically engaged in the parent portal, which provides them with real-time information like grades and attendance information while communicating and collaborating with teachers on the student's progress.

With parents and students immersed in PowerSchool, the district plans to launch PowerTeacher, Pearson’s teacher-friendly, web-based grade book during the summer of 2008 in preparation for the 2008-2009 school year. This solution will enable teachers to effectively manage their own classroom while functioning within district guidelines.

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**Administrators**

**Provides the range of features needed by administrators at the district and school level:**

- Student enrollment
- Attendance
- Student demographics
- Parent/guardian information
- Emergency/medical information
- Student and faculty schedules
- Report generation
- Discipline
- Faculty demographics
- Activities

**Parents and Students**

**Lets parents become more involved in their child’s education:**

- Grades
- Attendance
- Assignments
- Teacher comments
- School bulletin
- Fees