

AP Students Score Better With Tutor.com

A case study of Red Clay Consolidated School District

Many school districts are asking students to take more rigorous coursework—including Advanced Placement (AP) and International Baccalaureate (IB) classes—and looking for effective ways to support students with the courses and exams. One successful model for advanced student achievement is the AP program at Red Clay Consolidated School District in Wilmington, DE. The district encourages its students to pursue AP courses and provides one-to-one online tutoring from Tutor.com to increase students' content understanding and applications, as well as exam scores.

Red Clay Consolidated School District selected Tutor.com to be the district's tutoring provider for the 2011-2012 school year because Tutor.com helps prepare students for college and career readiness. With this support from Tutor.com, the district sought to increase the number of AP exams scoring a 3-5 for all students.

The district selected a subset of 102 AP students to have access to Tutor.com. At the end of the school year, the district analyzed the AP exam results for those students who had access to Tutor.com. Results of the analysis show that **schools with AP students who had access to Tutor.com performed better on the AP exams compared to the district average score.** Out of 10 AP subject exams, the score for schools with students who had Tutor.com access were **an average of 0.855 points higher** than the district average score.

Additionally, **schools where students had Tutor.com access averaged a 3-5 score in 7 out of 10 exams**, while none of the district scores attained the goal.

Throughout the year, students with access to Tutor.com were able to self-report feedback through surveys and post-session student evaluations. The following are results from the student self-reporting:

- 81% found the tutors to be helpful
- 75% recommended that the district continue providing Tutor.com for students next year
- 96.97% say Tutor.com helps them complete their homework assignments
- 94.78% say Tutor.com helps them improve their grades

Due to the success of the initial program, Red Clay expanded access to Tutor.com to all AP students across all high schools in the district for the 2012-2013 school year.

To request a copy of the full analysis, please contact us at educate@tutor.com or 646.619.8214.

District's Goal:

Increase the number of AP exams scoring a 3-5 for all students.

Student Demographic:

A select group of 102 AP students across five high schools. Twenty-two percent of students were low-income students.

Tutor.com sessions completed by students:

620

Results:

Exam scores for students using Tutor.com surpassed the district score across 10 AP subject exams.

Looking Forward:

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