



CUSTOMER SUCCESS STORY

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For over 60 years, the Pinecrest Schools have provided a quality education to the children of Southern California. Pinecrest Schools are one of the few private/independent, family owned and operated school systems in the United States.

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They also stress two important, often ignored, aspects of the education system: discipline and homework. As Pinecrest provides the best for its students, it also expects the best from them.

Introduction

The mission of the Pinecrest Schools is to empower and inspire all students to apply the knowledge, skills and attitudes necessary to become creative in problem-solving, achieve personal success, and contribute responsibly to our complex and dynamic world in a safe, positive and diverse environment.

Pinecrest Schools operates 6 campuses. They seek out the most qualified and dedicated teachers and provide them with innovative, up-to-date teaching materials and technology resources.

Each campus offers something unique and separate from the others. The main attribute that unites their schools is the quality of education and child care that exists in a traditional and fundamental educational environment.

Christie Hogan's Story

Jupiter iO Gradebook

When we first started using Snap Grades/Jupiter we were primarily looking for an easy-to-use and effective grading system. We were excited about the added bonus that parents would have access to their children's grades.

During the first year of implementation, Jupiter exceeded my expectations. I had used other grading programs but Jupiter was the most user-friendly. It felt like it was designed by a teacher. There were several features, like the seating chart and email communication, that made my job easier and more productive.

The features and abilities that I like best with the Jupiter products I use are: standards-based grading, Juno Docs, and Parent Portal. I also love that I can create Pods that I can self grade or are graded automatically. It provides immediate feedback!

Jupiter LMS

Last year, our students were required to bring tablets to school. As a teacher, I was thrilled to have the new new challenges and opportunities to teach utilizing new technology. Luckily, Jupiter also rolled out new features in Juno. It was perfect timing for me and my students. I began creating Pods and dropbox assignments.

I love that JUNO helps me with grading while my students are enthusiastic about working online. They love the immediate feedback. I love how easy it is! My students log in on their own and consistently check their progress. Jupiter allows them take responsibility for their grades and assignments.

Parent Portal

At Pinecrest, behavioral problems are handled immediately and parents are notified as to their student's citizenship. Homework is given on a regular basis and may often require parental interaction. Other than face to face interaction, Jupiter is my primary means of communication with parents. I love that the emails are logged and are now kept indefinitely when posting emails in the parent portal.

I can email missing work, general emails or even a successful assignment with the touch of just a few buttons. It is not time consuming at all! Although parents have their own access, some do not check their children's progress, so I can send it to them. It is a great way to keep parents informed.

The Results

Most of my parents utilize the parent portal and notifications. I also like that my students can use it too. I love that each parent and the students can have their own individual log-in and how I can see who is accessing the information and who isn't.

Our communication both in the class and school-wide has improved greatly since using Jupiter. Simply put, parents love the access!

Final Thoughts

I thank Jupiter for constantly improving and growing. I appreciate that you take suggestions and use them to improve the program. On occasion, I think, "I wish Jupiter would..." and usually, within a couple of weeks, Jupiter can do what I was hoping it would! Every time I login, I am excited to read the new updates. Over the five years that I have used Jupiter, it continues to move in the right direction! It has really helped my professional development!

I love using Jupiter! I thank Jupiter for its ever changing and developing growth. If my district were to no longer purchase Jupiter, I would want to purchase my own single license because it benefits my teaching and my students in such a significant way!

If you are considering purchasing Jupiter Ed, Jupiter is more than worth its cost! It is a necessity! It adds to your school in so many dynamic ways, from parent communication, teacher support, and most importantly, it benefits your students as they embrace new technology in an excited and enthusiastic way. My students always ask, "Can we do it in Juno?" Thank you for helping me reach my students and making my job easier and more enjoyable!

When given the opportunity, I would tell other teachers; do not be afraid to embrace all the things that Jupiter can do for you. The time it takes to learn the ins and outs of the program are well worth the effort, ten times over. The opportunities are endless! Jupiter is a teacher's dream come true!



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