

Customized Learning, Consistent Results: Affton's Path to Academic Continuity

Flexible scheduling and an engaging online curriculum help students stay on track in any learning model





Affton School District has been providing online learning opportunities for students for nearly 12 years with Imagine Edgenuity®. In 2020, that experience paid off when students had to transition to learning completely online. Now, in 2021, it is helping with another transition to a hybrid learning model.

Seamless transition to hybrid learning

By enriching their middle and high school classrooms with online learning tools and curriculum, educators in St. Louis helped students maintain their academic goals and success through a tumultuous school year.

- Students can watch concept topic videos, participate in virtual labs, and complete assessments in Imagine Edgenuity that are aligned to school and Missouri state standards — at school, at home, or a combination of the two.
- **Why it matters:** This access to flexible, engaging curriculum has ensured that students maintain rich relationships with district teachers while staying on track with standards mastery and credits.



The flexibility of getting a multitude of digital resources to students in real-time, in a format that is easy for students, parents, and teachers to navigate has been a true lifesaver

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Customized, flexible learning for a diverse student body

With Imagine Edgenuity and Imagine School Services, administrators in Affton SD can enroll their students at any time in the semester, customizing the start and end dates for courses to match their district's academic calendar.

- Students also have the opportunity to begin a course when it's convenient for them, and course content can be customized to match the district and state requirements.
- **Why it matters:** This provides high-achieving students with the flexibility they need to take classes that may not otherwise fit their schedules, such as honors, Advanced Placement[®], or elective courses.
- Now that Affton's school counselors are maintaining a functional, in-person master schedule, they can avoid scheduling conflicts with students taking courses like personal finance, health, PE, and fine arts electives online on their own time.

Individualized course customization helps each student stay on track

With online curriculum, educators can customize each student's courses to reflect their current standing before transitioning back into the school building.

- “Because we are a relatively small school district, it allows us to maintain an academically rigorous, challenging, and engaging path through high school for all of our students,” Lauren said when discussing their customized course offerings.
- Plus, learning supports like translation and guided notes mean Affton's large population of multilingual learners can access rigorous course content, regardless of language proficiency.

Addressing learning loss with expanded credit opportunities

To address the learning loss resulting from school closures, administrators in Affton are offering credit-earning opportunities to students trying to catch up or graduate.

- This summer, students can take courses that are not normally available to them to make up the credits they need to meet their academic goals.

Providing these additional opportunities to earn credits is important, but Affton is shifting their focus to prevention: helping students seamlessly transition to hybrid learning to avoid future disruptions.



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