

SCHOOL SOFTWARE IMPROVES STUDENT SERVICES



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Background

Loara High School in Anaheim, California provides a safe environment and a high quality educational program to assist its students in becoming responsible and productive members of society. For over ten years, Loara has been using ACTIVE Network's school administration software to manage its accounting and student activities. The school has experienced significant benefits, including increased efficiency, saved time, and improved services to parents and students.

Challenge

Loara High School officials hadn't been able to find accounting software that was created specifically for schools. Most technology solutions seemed like a square peg trying to fit a round hole. ACTIVE's Blue Bear software was unique in the industry and exactly what the school was looking for. When Toni Stroud became the ASB Accounting Technician at Loara High School in 2002, the system was already in place.

Solutions

- + **SchoolBooks**, the school accounting software, is comprehensive—they use it for "everything related to money," Toni says, including encumbrance reports, purchase order approvals, invoice payments and all approval reports.
- + **Tracks**, the school administration software, is Toni's "lifesaver." It helps her multi-task as they sell everything from prom tickets and PE uniforms to AP tests and lockers. "It has everything you could ever want and I can pull up a report in a heartbeat. I can instantly give different advisors any information they need and tell them whether their event is sold out, if a vehicle has a parking permit, and things like that. It's the best!" she says.
- + WebStore, the online school store, has taken away the concerns and fees that go along with processing credit cards. One of Toni's favorite features is that at Christmas time, they can post their sweatshirts, yearbooks and more in the store and someone from a different state can buy them as gifts. "It's been wonderful and has allowed us to offer students and parents another more convenient option."



Results

+ Speed and Efficiency

"The biggest benefit is that parents and students don't have to wait in line—registration is so much faster. We're just down the street from Disneyland, so we call this our "Fast Pass". You go straight to the front of the line, pay, take a picture, and you're done! It's easy and fast, which is a priority because we have 2600 students and I am one person. With ACTIVE's system, I can handle the job efficiently and get to people in a timely manner."

+ Fund Reconciliation

"ACTIVE's school accounting software has made it easy to double check from one end to the other. We balance to the penny and the auditors in the District have nothing to worry about."

+ Parent and Student Satisfaction

"New students are amazed at how quickly and efficiently we can sell them something, issue a receipt and move them right along. It gives us modern edge!"

+ ACTIVE's Customer Support

"The customer support portal is really useful. I can ask a question online and it will give me some options or someone will get back to me right away. It also helps me out to learn from other people who have had the same issue."



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