

District Leverages *Actively Learn*™ to Create a Standards-Based Curriculum That Shapes Life-Ready Learners

Challenge

Every day at Henrico County Public Schools, educators work closely with students to help them become life-ready learners. However, implementing an instructional model to support that goal was a challenge.

District leaders first had to understand how to bring together students' learner profiles and standards-aligned curriculum. This would allow students to see themselves in their classroom work and pursue their own personalized approach to mastering the skills needed to graduate and become responsible, contributing citizens.

Solution and Results

The district uses *Actively Learn* to seamlessly integrate their curriculum into the design, delivery, and assessment of literacy instruction. Not only do they rely on *Actively Learn* as a Tier 1 resource for live modeling and gradual release, but they use it for targeted instruction as well.

DISTRICT INFORMATION

**Name and Location:**

Henrico County Public
Schools, Virginia

Students:

Approx. 50,000 Students

Schools:

74 Schools and
Program Centers

For example, teachers can look at the data in *Actively Learn*™ to find out where students are struggling, implement small group instruction to meet individual students' needs, and assess for proficiency along the way.

“When we purchase any kind of a curriculum product, either as our primary source of curriculum or to supplement curriculum, we do so with that big systemic picture in mind—for students to be life-ready when they graduate,” said Lesley Hughes, Chief Learning Officer, Henrico County Public Schools. “*Actively Learn* helps us meet the needs of all of our learners so that we can meet our ultimate goals.”

Educators in the district have already seen results when using *Actively Learn* to support their instructional model, including an increase in standardized scores, even during the pandemic.

“With *Actively Learn*, we saw a huge jump in our achievement,” said Elizabeth Hathaway, Secondary Literacy Coach and former English Department Chair at Henrico County Public Schools. “For Virginia’s Standards of Learning standardized assessment, we went from a level three to a level one in English—the highest our school had been in four or five years.”

We use *Actively Learn* as our primary textbook in our ELA classes. The beauty of *Actively Learn* is that it provides a wide variety of high-quality, authentic texts for students. On any given day, a teacher can find text that not only meets a student’s interest and needs, but also aligns to our state standards.

—Lesley Hughes, Chief Learning Officer,
Henrico County Public Schools

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