

ALMA SCHOOL DISTRICT CASE STUDY



OVERVIEW

Nestled in the heart of Arkansas, Alma School District serves thousands of students across its schools. With a strong commitment to academic excellence and student wellbeing, the district was striving for ways to support staff in the face of challenges such as high turnover and growing administrative demands.

Alma's administrators relied on time-consuming, face-to-face department meetings where teachers gathered to piece together student placement. These meetings often turned into lengthy discussions, with teachers trying to find clues about which classroom would best fit each student. The process was not only slow but also prone to error. For a district with an increasingly diverse student population, this approach made it difficult to ensure fair, balanced, and inclusive placements across every classroom.

SCHOOL PROFILE



- **School:** Alma School District
- **Location:** Alma, Arkansas
- **Type:** Government
- **Students:** 3,100
- **Staff:** 233
- **Key Challenges:** High staff turnover, dispersed data using manual processes and time-consuming manual class placement process

Before Class Creator, class placement was a five month process. With Class Creator, we've cut that process down by more than half to two months.

**Amy Brewer, eSchool/SMS/SIS Administrator,
Alma School District**

THE SOLUTION

When Class Creator came onboard in 2021, Alma School District transformed its placement process. The school found the process of getting started simple, with access to resources and on-hand support to help with the class placement journey. Even those with little-to-no prior experience found it easy to use and understand.

Where administrators and teachers previously had to manage dispersed student data across multiple systems and files, Class Creator's historical data log was hugely valuable to the school, allowing them to review four years of student information and teacher notes, ensuring continuity and informed placement decisions despite high staff turnover.

Additionally, the district benefited from the after-placement feature, which lets them print teacher rosters complete with student notes, providing a practical, ready-to-use resource for the classroom from day one.

Alma School District has also been a champion for Class Creator, actively providing feedback and suggesting platform improvements. Several of their ideas have since been implemented, helping enhance the platform for other similar school types. With a commitment to continuous innovation, Class Creator is always listening to their customers and improving functionality to meet schools evolving needs.



From a district perspective, we've reclaimed time, allowing us to support our teachers and shift the focus back to learning.

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THE RESULTS

Class Creator has not only streamlined the placement process but also positioned itself as a true partner and ally to teachers at Alma. Rather than adding to their workload, Class Creator supports teachers by providing the insights and tools they need to make informed decisions, helping them feel confident and supported as they start the school year. Other benefits include:

IMPROVED BEHAVIOR

Placing kids with intention has improved the behavior across the student population

TEACHER OWNERSHIP

Teachers get to voice their opinions with Class Creator, giving them a sense of ownership over the decisions

HISTORICAL DATA

Teachers can see data year-on-year making class placements fair and decisions informed

TIME SAVING

Alma has cut down on their class creation process significantly with Class Creator