



RESULTS You Can See!

Having enough time and resources to focus specifically on student growth was the main challenge that special education teacher Jake Probst faced working at Wisconsin Hills Middle School in Brookfield, Wisconsin.

Responsible for tracking 70+ students he interacts with on a daily basis, Probst longed for a way to bring the many different data sources used to monitor his students' progress together in one place. In addition to tracking grades, test scores, missing work, attendance and other developmental metrics, he worked with teachers to create IEPs and plans for their students.

"Students who are struggling can be reluctant to ask for help, so I searched for a better way to proactively monitor their work – only to end up frustrated at the systems we had," Probst reflected.

Using **ion**, Probst was able to get the information he needed about each student in one place. "I no longer needed to manually develop and update spreadsheet formulas to calculate and track a student's progress. What used to take me hours could now be done in seconds."

Using **ion**, he can quickly identify when a student's performance takes a sudden dip, and he can have a conversation with the student to get to the root of the problem (challenges at home, an illness, etc.). By identifying and addressing issues sooner, Probst can work with students to find positive solutions and keep the student on track.

"In the past, student performance was mostly anecdotal. With **ion**, we're using data to create a concrete process for identifying which students need help and delivering them a more personalized instruction that ensures their academic success."



The Challenge

- Reliance on anecdotal data
- Many disconnected sources of data
- Time consuming data collection



The Solution

ion provided a whole-student data view that simplified problem analysis



The Benefit

- Significant time savings
- Data-informed decision making
- Better team conversations around data
- Student involvement

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