

# Success Story

## Morgan County School District

STOVER, MO

**Grades:** K–6

**Time Period:** 2018–2019

**Model:** Blended learning with 30 minutes per week on Pathblazer®

**Reach:** 370 students

**Impact:** Improvements on NWEA™ MAP® Growth™ scores

## Data Helps Increase Student Growth

For the past two years, Molly Roe, Principal at Morgan County School District, has worked to integrate technology into the classroom for her kindergarten to 6th-grade students. With over 90% of students on the free and reduced lunch program, these kids have a wide variety of learning needs and limited access to technology outside of the classroom. This is where technology in the classroom and Morgan County's one-to-one program can help personalize learning by giving students exactly what they need when they need it.

### THE POWER OF DATA

By using the students' scores on NWEA™ MAP® Growth™, Edgenuity Pathblazer® creates individualized learning paths for each student to help them achieve maximum growth until the next testing period. Principal Roe mentioned that some students were disappointed in January when they realized their learning paths did not change much from the Fall to the Spring semester. This helped motivate them to work harder in the next semester and pushed their teachers to integrate Pathblazer into the classroom more seamlessly to promote that growth.

### TAKING OWNERSHIP OF THE LEARNING PROCESS

At Morgan County, the kindergarten to 6th-grade students use Pathblazer for 30 minutes of reading and 30 minutes of math practice every day. But, beyond their time on the system, students and teachers meet regularly to discuss progress and help students take ownership of the learning process. Teachers are also staying engaged with the system to understand how to use it to the fullest. Teachers who truly integrate Pathblazer into their classes and curriculum have students who show growth that is markedly better than their counterparts who



don't understand the benefit or don't incorporate the program into their classroom. Principal Roe truly believes that current teachers have a responsibility to the next grade-level teacher to teach everything required in the grade level, and Pathblazer helps them accomplish that goal.

Furthermore, Principal Roe believes that responsibility also falls on administrators to provide resources that enable teachers to educate the variety of students in their classrooms at their level. After evaluating several options, Morgan County's instructional coaches and teachers determined Pathblazer was the right tool for them. The focus on curriculum through in-depth questions and alignment to standards helped Principal Roe feel comfortable with the tool from day one. And through continuous training over the past two years, she is seeing significant growth in the classrooms.

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### MAXIMIZING STUDENT SUCCESS

The ready-made learning paths in Pathblazer take the pressure off teachers so they can focus on small groups and individual instruction. Principal Roe specifically mentioned their success in the 2nd-grade money unit. This is one of the most difficult units for elementary teachers, but after incorporating Pathblazer, the students were provided with instruction and background knowledge before the teachers presented the unit in class. This made a huge difference in student learning and the teachers found it gave them a jump start on one of the most challenging units, thus increasing student comprehension and freeing up more time for practice.

Principal Roe also emphasized the importance of teacher buy-in and says that if teachers do not understand the power of the tools they are presented with, they will not use them to their fullest extent. Through extensive training, professional development, and biannual refreshers with Edgenuity, Morgan County has piqued teacher interest and implemented a successful program. The growth they've seen with NWEA scores also illuminates the power of the program, and with consistent conversation and supports, Morgan County is bound to see more student success in the years to come.

