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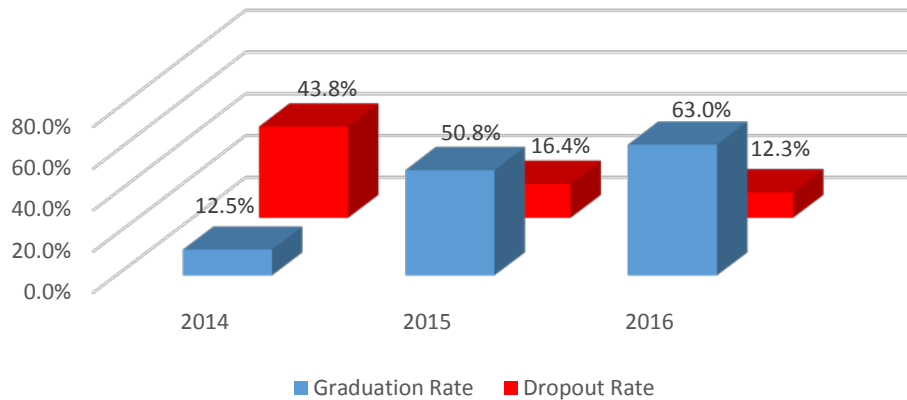
Since implementing Odysseyware, MVOA has seen a substantial improvement in its graduation rate for credit deficient students, as well as a sizeable decrease in its dropout rate.

College Bound:

2015/16: 4 students accepted to 4-year university

2016/17: 6 students accepted to 4-year university

Graduation rate increased 404% and
Dropout rate decreased 72% in 3 years



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CASE STUDY

Moreno Valley, CA

Dr. Tammy Guzzetta, principal of Moreno Valley Online Academy, works closely with a team of five instructors and students' parents to ensure students meet necessary requirements to stay on track for graduation.

DISTRICT:

Moreno Valley Unified School District

LOCATION:

Moreno Valley, CA

STUDENT POPULATION:

- 33,408 students
- 38 schools
- 148 online academy students
- 200 Adult Education students

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CHALLENGES

Students from grades 9 through 12 participate in MVOA and their parents are heavily involved. Some students enter the program looking to avoid situations involving bullying, while others are working through anxiety or other health issues. Participation in athletics, and other extra-curricular activities provide motivation and successfully balance academics in this program. Middle and high school groups include English Language Learners (ELL) and students with Individualized Education Plans (IEPs).

MVOA also serves Graduation Opportunity (GO), which provides a path to graduation for credit deficient students, and adult education students seeking a high school diploma.

NEW INITIATIVES

Students interested in MVOA must submit an Alternative Education Committee (AEC) packet through their counselor. Packets include transcripts, discipline records, attendance, grades, and test scores. Dr. Guzzetta, the student's teachers and counselor confer before deciding. "If we have a student earned Ds in high school, but we look back at their middle school grades and their grades were As, Bs, and Cs, that student will probably make it through here with a little bit of tutoring, help, modification of the curriculum," she explains.

Curriculum options in Odysseyware enable teachers to design additional level-appropriate activities. Each grade level and subject area has its own lab, and schedules are posted on the MVOA website. Parents also give positive feedback on the user-friendly interface.

Middle School: The schedule includes a 30-minute daily session each morning for parents who have questions or would like to meet with the lab instructor in person. Odysseyware provides middle schoolers with an opportunity to focus, while their individual circumstances may not allow for this in a traditional classroom.

High School: For scheduling reasons, some students apply to participate in the online program. "If they pay attention, stick to [their required work], and don't fall behind, they can graduate early," says Dr. Guzzetta. "With a 3.0 GPA, they can go, as a junior, to the community college. Odysseyware opens all of that up." The one-on-one attention in the lab is instrumental in keeping these students on track for graduation.

Graduation Opportunity (GO): GO provides a solution in the form of credit recovery for juniors and seniors, paving a clear path to graduation. Most students come into this program with 100 or fewer credits, in a district that requires 225 credits for graduation. Today, 63% of students graduate with their peers.

Adult Education: The online adult education program, also headed by Dr. Guzzetta, provides Odysseyware during morning and evening hours to adult students earning their High School diploma. GED® classes offered in the evening utilize test prep features in Odysseyware to help students pass the 4 tests required to earn the GED. The Credit Recovery program requires in-person attendance once per week, while the rest of the work may be completed remotely.



The Adult Education program has grown from 2 to 200 students in 2 years.

"Odysseyware teaches them skills, it teaches time management. They have 24 hours a day, they can accelerate if they want or they can just go by the calendar. Any type of learning style can be met."

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MVOA Principal
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"With Odysseyware, students learn the technology, which is important because they're going to have to use it in college."

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