

A Specialty Educational Facility Streamlines Purchasing

Overview

Industry

Specialty Education

Customer Profile

Placement option for school districts in Allegheny and surrounding counties

Business Situation

Pace School had begun to feel like its mission was shuffling and organizing paperwork.

Solution

- Dynamics GP 2010
- Business Portal

Benefits

Staff can now perform and deliver day-to-day tasks via their Web browser, reducing redundant data entry and increasing productivity.



“Our goal was to reduce the time, effort and expense associated with the purchasing process so the staff could spend more time with the students”

Jim Mele, Chief Financial Officer

The Challenge

Pace School’s mission is “To provide educational and therapeutic services that enable any child to thrive”. Unfortunately, as the school has grown it began to feel like the mission was shuffling and organizing paperwork. Jim Mele, Chief Financial Officer was looking for a way to reduce the manual effort involved entering, routing, and approving requisitions and purchase orders. Jim also wanted to continue to capitalize on the investment Pace School has made in Microsoft Dynamics financial and human resources solutions.

The Solution

Pace School’s Microsoft partner, Vertical Solutions recommended the implementation of Dynamics Business Portal – a built in web-based portal that enables users to unlock organizational potential and enhance productivity by providing role-tailored access to information and processes. Microsoft Dynamics GP and Business Portal provided Pace the a seamless solution, managing everything from requisitions entry, electronic approval routing, approval hierarchies, and direct integration with Dynamics GP purchasing functions. Pace staff members create, review, approve, and route requisition entry entirely through their web browser.

The portal solution provides Pace with powerful management tools, allowing

them to define user and role based approval rights, limits, and routing. Pace has reduced the overhead associated with adding staff members to the system by providing administrative access via browser based management tools.

About Pace School

Pace School is a placement option for school districts in Allegheny and surrounding counties that serves kids, K-9, with emotional challenges or Autism. Licensed by the Pennsylvania Department of Education and the State Board of Private Academic Schools, Pace School is on of 34 Approved Private Schools (APS) in the state. Pace School is licensed to serve students educationally diagnosed in one of three areas: Emotional disturbance, Autism, and pervasive development delay.

About Vertical Solutions

Vertical Solutions, enables you to profit through a partner, who can support your agency functions by providing business management software, business processes, and technology expertise.

We provide nonprofit organization high-quality service, but at the same time, careful administration - to reduce expenses and automate processes . In particular we provide Social Service Organizations meticulous reporting practices - essential for meeting regulatory compliance and securing future funding.