



Discovery Education *unitedstreaming* Engages Diverse Student Populations in Southern California District

Fontana Unified School District (USD), a rapidly growing, culturally diverse district in southern California with about 40 percent of students eligible for free or reduced lunch, faced extra challenges when looking at integration of digital media into the curriculum.

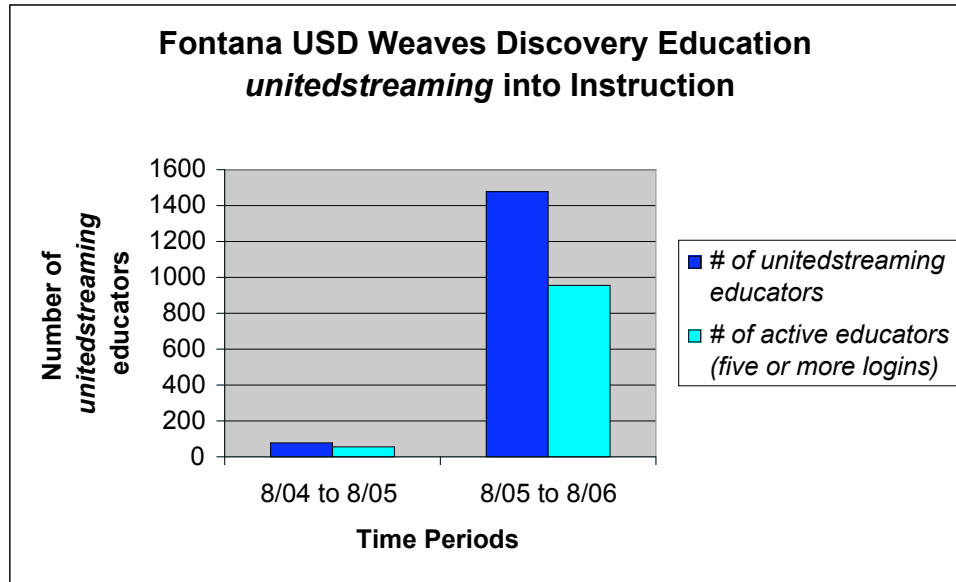
Reaching all students within Fontana USD, especially with its high English Language Learner (ELL) population, seemed daunting. “We need something that is visual because our kids are visual learners. We need something that will keep their interest, which is audio and video, and we need to set up a learning situation where they can succeed. And, Discovery Education *unitedstreaming*[™] did all those things,” says Darcy D. Whitney, coordinator of instructional technology for Fontana USD.

Reliable computers and classroom LCD projectors set the foundation for success. In addition, the Discovery Education Implementation Team as well as the Discovery Educator Network (DEN) supported the professional development goals within the district. Speaking of the DEN, Whitney notes, “At many of the trainings, teachers started seeing the same faces, so they began to feel like a family and to make personal connections.”

The result: Nearly 40 percent of Fontana’s *unitedstreaming* users have logged in more than 25 times in the past 12 months. Whitney: “It’s become part of their planning, part of their lives, and part of their expectations for themselves and their teaching.”

Fontana Unified School District at a Glance:

- More than 40,000 students
- More than 2,000 teachers
- More than 1,400 educators using Discovery Education *unitedstreaming*
- 43 schools total, of which 42 have 40% or above of students eligible for free/reduced lunch program
- 50 miles east of Los Angeles, California



One teacher, Marie Belt, a veteran Title I teacher at Dorothy Grant Elementary, describes an instance when she collaborated with another teacher to improve an Open Court lesson: “The teacher thought the students understood the concept better, more deeply, than the previous year.” According to Belt, “The class was able to get into a deeper discussion more quickly than in the past.”

Chris Ridge, principal at Grant Elementary, says that “*unitedstreaming* really brings the curriculum to life, and teachers use it as a way to engage students.” Describing what the program means to Grant, Ridge explains, “Teachers have come to count on *unitedstreaming* for their instruction. Additionally, our kids’ parents recognize how important it is for their kids to have access to technology. Parents are grateful we have teachers who are out front in terms of getting technology into kid’s hands.”

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