

A Paperless Revolution

Elk Grove Unified School District / Sacramento County, CA

68
SCHOOLS

63K
STUDENTS

53%
SOCIOECONOMICALLY
DISADVANTAGED

14%
ELL

District Overview

Elk Grove Unified School District (EGUSD), located in southern Sacramento, is the fourth-largest district in California. They're leaders in academic performance, boasting a graduation rate of over 90%. On top of that, EGUSD is recognized across the nation for innovative educational methods, like its 60 career-themed academies.

The Challenge

Elk Grove needed a way to capture and store e-signatures. Regulations mandate keeping a record of signatures for at least seven years, and complying with this while using paper/pen systems can create storage and organization headaches.

As a large district that has to keep *all* signature records for *every day* that students attended expanded learning programming, Elk Grove had to rent storage space, which was an added administrative burden and costly expense.

Elk Grove was happy with their Student Information System (SIS), but it didn't support signature capture. They looked for companies offering just the signature piece that they needed, but none integrated with their SIS. The available options would require them to buy a whole suite of tools, most of which they didn't need.

Our Solution

ActivityHero was the perfect answer to Elk Grove's needs. Our Hero E-Signatures software integrates with their SIS and can be implemented as a stand-alone tool.

Our Solution (Cont.)

There was no requirement to purchase ActivityHero's entire suite of after-school management tools.

Hero E-Signatures pulls real-time registration data from Elk Grove's SIS, along with information on authorized pick-ups. This makes it easy for staff and families to find kids and sign them out. ActivityHero will store their signatures on the cloud for as long as they need, and they can download and print them out too.



Lessons Learned

Rolling out new tech tools can come with hiccups. To avoid them, we recommend following Elk Grove's example with the strategies below.

- Soft launch the new system. Overlap your paper/pen system with the new Hero E-Signatures for a little while. This gives you time to work out any kinks.
- Start with a just a few schools to gain insight into what challenges may arise, and then expand across the district, equipped with that knowledge.
- If you're using Hero E-Signatures as a stand-alone offering, make sure to test out the data sync and data integration aspects to ensure that real-time data is transferring smoothly to and from your SIS.
- Give your team training and educate them on how to find ActivityHero's on-demand support. Ensure that they're supported in the switch.