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Situation

High school students in Louisiana are required to complete two years of foreign languages in order to take advantage of the state's Tuition Opportunity Program for Students (TOPS).

Claiborne Christian School (CCS) had used free, state virtual learning foreign language options in the past. However, Parents were never completely satisfied with this option in terms of content and support. When the state raised the price two years ago, CCS sought a different option. They wanted part time teachers as well as online course options.

Sevenstar Solution

CCS had heard great things about Sevenstar's online courses from other Christian schools.

They now utilize Sevenstar to offer foreign language options. They also use other online courses from Sevenstar to meet out-of-sequence student needs.

Outcomes

CCS students are now successfully gaining the required foreign language credits they need to qualify for TOPS. Out-of-sequence students are also gaining graduation requirements.

Lee says, "We could have invested the money in a part time or full time teacher. However, we would rather invest the same dollars in online options through Sevenstar for the following reasons:

- We get Christ-centered content and teacher support, similar to that received in CCS traditional classes.
- We get complete schedule flexibility, which has helped our scheduling staff work the online courses into any student's schedule.
- We can meet a broader range of students' academic needs for the same money as a teacher hire.
- Our students gain online learning experience that serves them beyond CCS. This is important because almost 100% of our alumni are involved in some form of online learning."

When asked about the funding mechanism for their online courses, Lee indicated, "We created an online learning budget line item that we use to pay for each online course."

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