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The American Academy Announces “School as a Service” Programs

New Program Provides Easy, Affordable Online Course Options for High Schools

SALT LAKE CITY – February 3, 2009 – High schools that want to offer their students online courses with minimal resource requirements or cost to their schools are choosing The American Academy's [School as a Service™ \(SaaS\)](#) program. This innovative program gives high schools an easy, affordable way to offer students the flexibility and individualized learning experience of online courses to recover dropouts, help students get caught up, give them a way to get ahead, or simply offer a wider range of electives. Rosehill Christian School and Park City High School, like many schools across the nation, are using online courses to provide flexible options for their students.

"We are using The American Academy's SaaS model for students who need more flexible learning options," said Hilary Hays, Park City High School principal. "Trying to meet the scheduling needs of every student was a logistical nightmare. My teachers are excited about School as a Service because it allows us to meet the individual education needs of these students while increasing transparency and accountability for students. In addition, The American Academy manages the operations and technology of the online program, making it a seamless process for all of us."

"We are pleased to offer The American Academy's online courses as an alternative to our students who need added flexibility due to scheduling conflicts as it would be cost prohibitive to offer all our courses at all times. Our students enjoy The American Academy's wide variety of elective courses to augment the courses we already have," said Associate Principal Sheryl Jaksha of the Rosehill Christian School in Texas.

In a matter of days, schools can expand their curriculum with over 200 courses and licensed teachers, with no additional burden on the school's IT staff and no upfront cost – schools only pay for what they use. The American Academy has developed automated enrollment, registration, and reporting tools to make administration and student access easy. Student accountability and progress transparency comes from automated parental and teacher alerts for learning milestones.

“We are excited about the feedback we received from schools in response to this program,” The American Academy’s Chief Executive Officer Bill Davison said. “Schools value the integrated systems and operational expertise we can bring to them based on experiences running our own online school; this shows in the exceptional level of quality and value that the program brings to the school, especially in this time of

tightened budgets."

The American Academy's Principal, Rebekah Richards adds, "We are proud to make available for other schools our highly qualified teachers and the rich learning environment we have built. Our systems create a flexible and positive learning environment that students can access from any location with Internet access within or outside the school anytime day or night."

About The American Academy

The American Academy is an accredited [online high school](#) built on a system that has served more than 80,000 students since 1994. It serves students worldwide who want to supplement their high school program or earn their high school diploma. The American Academy offers a flexible educational experience along with a high quality, engaging curriculum that aligns with state standards. Through its relationships with long-standing education institutions, including the Utah State Board of Education, The American Academy provides leading-edge resources and access to licensed, experienced instructors. For more information, please visit <http://www.TheAmericanAcademy.com>.

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