

Milor/Zupanic High Schools, Rialto USD

Robert Daughters, Teacher

Using A+LS to recover credits

The computer lab serving students of Milor Continuation HS and Zupanic Alternative HS provides students with access (5 days per week, 7am – 2pm) to a self-paced, computer-based credit recovery program. The “APlus” courses are available in all Rialto USD high schools as part of a program to provide extra support to students who have failed to complete one or more courses.

In a lab with 30 computers, about 20 to 24 students attend per day, with 42 students in total. Robert Daughters, Teacher, has seen a major change in students’ attitudes since the program began.

“The program received a considerable boost when the first student completed a course and received his credits in less than 4 weeks, after working about 3 hours per day, 5 days a week”, said Robert. “Our student numbers have doubled since then.

“Students like the instant feedback provided by this program. Also, the screen presentation of information, in small manageable chunks, helps them to focus, understand and absorb the material.”

Not that this is an easy option. Each course is composed of a number of lessons; custom selected from the huge A+LS curriculum by the district to meet course needs. To master a lesson, students must take 3 assessments, and cannot move on until the lesson is completed. In addition to lesson assessments, further review tests were added throughout the course, culminating in a comprehensive review exam at the end of each course.

About student reaction to the program, Robert said “Out of 42 students, there hasn’t been one complaint. They smile when they come in, and are smiling when they leave, particularly after seeing a summary of their test scores. Students are now asking for more hours to be available.”

Courses Available

Courses offered in the Rialto USD Credit Recovery Program are

MATH

Diploma Math Fall/Spring
Algebra I Fall/Spring
Algebra II Fall/Spring
Geometry Fall/Spring
Real World Math

ENGLISH

Diploma English Fall/Spring
English 9 Fall/Spring

English 10 Fall/Spring

English 11 Fall/Spring

English 12 Fall/Spring

SCIENCE

Biology Fall/Spring

Chemistry Fall/Spring

Earth Science Fall/Spring

SOCIAL SCIENCE

Economics

Government

US History Fall/Spring

World History Fall/Spring

ELECTIVES

Health

Sociology

Psychology