



Case Study

Springs Studio for Academic Excellence
District 49, Peyton, Colorado



School Profile

- Multi-District Online School
- Blended Learning Onsite Campus
- 442 Students
- 29% Minority Students

Statistics



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Utilizing a blended model has given teachers and students the ability to take the learning to new levels. This has included job site visits, guest speakers, and hands on learning with drones and virtual reality.

Natalie Cummings | SSAE Teacher

Transforming Student Experiences through Blended Learning

Challenge

Spring Studios for Academic Excellence (SSAE) seeks to provide students with real-world, career-ready electives that enhance their blended learning opportunities for students. By giving students the option to enroll in the Pointful Education Drones: Remote Pilot Certification Course, they aim to enhance the student experience through blended learning.

Solution

Leveraging effective online elective course content in a blended model allows for more project based and hands on learning experiences during on-campus class time. Allowing students access to relevant, career specific courses gives students knowledge and background in new and emerging technologies and career pathways. With the Pointful Education Drones: Remote Pilot Certification Course, students have had more opportunities and exposure to new career and technology electives that have given them more knowledge and access to career-specific pathways in addition to providing an opportunity to take the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Part 107 Commercial Drone Pilot certification exam.

Meeting Student Needs

Every student's strengths, weaknesses and areas of interest are embraced on an individualized pathway. As District 49 leads every student down a unique journey to success after high school, graduates will demonstrate competency in core subjects and obtain an industry or technical certification prior to leaving. By utilizing blended learning, a mix of online learning and on-campus hands-on learning, students are better prepared for their futures and equipped to adapt to our evolving workforce.

i **About Springs Studio for Academic Excellence**

Springs Studio for Academic Excellence (SSAE) is the premier, multi-district, fully blended learning environment located within District 49, Colorado, and serving students all over the state. SSAE is based on the concept that parents, students, and faculty are needed to fully maximize the potential of all students to ensure a successful academic journey. As a foundational core value, SSAE believes that building relational capacity with students and parents is a top priority because students and families must believe that SSAE is a safe and healthy place to send their student to every day.

SSAE offers NCAA approved curriculum that is rigorous, relevant, and personalized to meet the needs of all learners. With more than 160-course offerings, SSAE is tuition free for students taking high school courses and also offers free college for qualifying students through their Concurrent Enrollment Program. SSAE also offers face-to-face support from experienced and certified teachers with online opportunities to ensure every student has access to the best education available regardless of geography, income or background.

Learn more at

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