

# Vermilion Conquers GLE

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The Louisiana Department of Education has developed a 'comprehensive curriculum' standard set of GLE/UNIT and assignment tables to guide alignment of teaching and testing processes. I, Ralph Thibodeaux, Principal at Abbeville High School, recognized that any manual tracking system would be too time consuming and error prone. My Superintendent and I assembled a brainstorming team to find out if our integrated gradebook could do it for us electronically.

This team consisted of several personnel including Russ Adams, Information Systems Manager and Robert Rizzuto, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction. We met with our gradebook vendor to explore this option which resulted in a process that moved us into UNIT/ GLE/ ACTIVITY tracking as grades are posted, rather than waiting for final grades and then fixing a crisis.

This system will allow me to monitor grades, GLE and assignment statistics directly from my desk. For instance I can monitor each teacher's average grade per GLE per subject, with cell click for detail drilldown data review per activity or assignment. This helps me monitor lesson plan timelines by checking GLE completion. I can monitor GLE/ Activity between staff, resulting in possible lesson plan enhancement.

The complete DOE 'comprehensive curriculum' tables are built into the integrated gradebook, which allows the teacher to click the appropriate table entry as the assignment is entered into the gradebook. This has resulted in a system that truly conforms to the definition of "data driven management' concepts.

This coming year we hope to utilize the parental calling function of the gradebook, where the teachers are encouraged to place assignments into the gradebook at the beginning of a grading period. The gradebook will initiate a call and email for each GLE assignment, eliminating the need for a separate homework hotline. We are experimenting with recording GLE assignment data on parents' cell phones, when available, to provide permanent recorded GLE assignment data for the parents' benefit and interdiction statistics for use by school administration.

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