

## Paradise Valley Unified School District ♥ QuaverMusic.com

Paradise Valley Unified School District was searching for a new music curriculum. Since this was the first opportunity to adopt a music curriculum in over 8 years, they needed to ensure that it would meet their needs for at least that long. Additionally, Keith Preston (Fine Arts Director) was mindful of other challenges faced by his music program, such as an uncertain budget in the future, large student enrollments (usually every student in a school), and concerns of falling behind in an educational landscape that increasingly relies on technology

Paradise Valley eventually decided to adopt and use QuaverMusic.com as their music curriculum for many reasons. Quaver offered ready-to-use lesson plans that covered all the standards required in Arizona for each grade. Quaver's curriculum is fully customizable with both Quaver's resources and teacher-uploaded resources, so as teachers grew more comfortable with using the technology they could add their own flair and materials to the curriculum. Quaver's material included online and on-demand training videos and courses that allow teachers to learn about features at their own pace. As an online curriculum, QuaverMusic.com could also (and does) update the curriculum frequently with additional resources and functionality, which ensures it is always fresh and current. Computer-aided assessments enabled music teachers to formally assess students and direct attention to students or topics that needed the most assistance. Lastly, the cost of the curriculum was far below what they had budgeted.

Surveys were conducted prior to and following the first school year in which Quaver was used in Paradise Valley. The impacts on learning outcomes and ROI were apparent: (% of teachers in the district who rated Quaver's impact as "excellent" or "very good")

- Coverage of state / national standards: 96%
- Positive student response to program: 87%
- Positive response to program from special needs students: 73%
- Positive response from parents: 24% increase between start and end of school year
- Quaver customer service: 95%
- Reduction in student behavioral/disciplinary issues: 78%
- Impact on teacher lesson planning: 91%
- Ease of use of the program: 96%

With the money Paradise Valley saved by purchasing Quaver, they were able to invest in technologies like projectors and interactive whiteboards for their music classrooms! So Paradise Valley's decision to purchase QuaverMusic.com's resources helped usher in an era of 21st-century learning to benefit teachers and students alike.