

Oakland County Schools, Michigan

OAKLAND COUNTY SCHOOLS

Waterford, MI
USA

Online:

www.oakland.k12.mi.us

Industry:

Government

Employees:

24,884 (this is statewide)

"CGI's proven implementation methodology, coupled with their government experience and knowledge of the Schools contributed to a smooth transition, which put the focus on maximizing the use of out-of-the-box functionality and advancing our shared services goal."

Karlin Rossi, Application Services Manager,
Oakland County Schools

Oakland County Schools uses CGI Advantage™ and a shared services model to control costs and meet the needs of a growing number of Michigan school districts.

The Challenge

In the early 1990s Oakland County Schools implemented CGI Advantage ERP as a centralized, regional service agency. While Oakland could deliver support services to school personnel, the mainframe environment still required each local school district to maintain an individual application and data files within its region. In addition, the state maintained a large number of agency-specific feeder systems, contributing to a high degree of redundant data entry, slow processing time and lack of timely information.

Through modernization, Oakland Schools would consolidate systems and streamline processes, continuing their efforts for greater efficiency and controlled costs.

How CGI Helped

Together Oakland Schools and CGI modernized the infrastructure, leveraging the Oakland Network for Education (ONE) fiber network, enabling access to other districts via secure internet connection. Using out-of-the-box functionality they streamlined business processes, consolidated interfaces, centralized configuration, hardware and software support.

Results

Oakland County Schools upgraded its CGI Advantage ERP Financial Management and HRM solution, including Performance Budgeting and CGI infoAdvantage, on time and on budget. Six Michigan districts now utilize Oakland's shared service system, each saving an average of \$21,500 annually, and more districts plan to join. Among the numerous benefits the districts enjoy are:

- Cost savings through consolidated support and leveraged staff
- Reduced maintenance costs through consolidated interfaces, common configuration and reporting
- Improved efficiency by automating business processes and utilizing templates to , eliminate redundant data entry
- Improved efficiency by eliminating redundant data entry

The bottom line: CGI upgraded Oakland County Schools shared services system, and brought expertise to refining processes for greater efficiency.