

### Atlas for District Curriculum

# Global Education Excellence, MI

Global Education Excellence is a charter school management company with a global presence. Spanning early childhood education to 12th grade, there are 18 different schools across 8 campuses.



## What was the problem?

Prior to documenting their curriculum in Atlas's online platform, Global Education Excellence (GEE) wrote curriculum in their main office and delivered it via binders to teachers each year. Aside from needing an online platform to deliver curriculum, GEE wanted teachers to buy into curriculum and curriculum development, and therefore wanted a curriculum mapping process that included teachers. In addition, GEE wanted teachers to communicate and share resources, as well as make visible the work occurring in the classroom for both collaboration and accountability purposes.

## How did Atlas help?

Using Atlas's Adopted Curriculum tool, GEE **created curriculum at the district level and published it to teacher's maps**. In this process, GEE was able to ensure that teachers received the necessary curriculum but were also able to **personalize and edit aspects** of it and add their own personal resources.

GEE also benefitted from the transparency of Atlas's unit maps. By being able to look at teacher's maps, the **administrators and leadership knew how teachers were modifying curriculum and what was happening at the classroom level**. Teachers were also able to look at their colleagues' maps to collaborate and learn from what others were doing.

When the Common Core was released, GEE faced the daunting task of **realigning and updating its curriculum**. To do so, GEE identified power standards to highlight priority standards, making the process of aligning to standards clearer and offering focus for the curriculum. Within Atlas, schools can **flag power standards**, which allowed GEE to easily see which standards they needed to focus on while mapping and teaching.

## What were the outcomes?

Atlas enabled GEE's **curriculum to be a living and dynamic document**. It also brought synergy to the organization, **bridging classrooms across campuses and connecting the classroom level to the leadership level**. By implementing Atlas, GEE leadership had a view into the individual schools and classrooms. And, the process of curriculum development and the dynamic changes year to year **invested teachers in the curriculum process**.

## Testimony

The beauty of Atlas is that everything the teacher types in this year is archived so it will be there next year. Our teachers love this...they can just go year to year and make modifications. Karey Reed, Curriculum Director