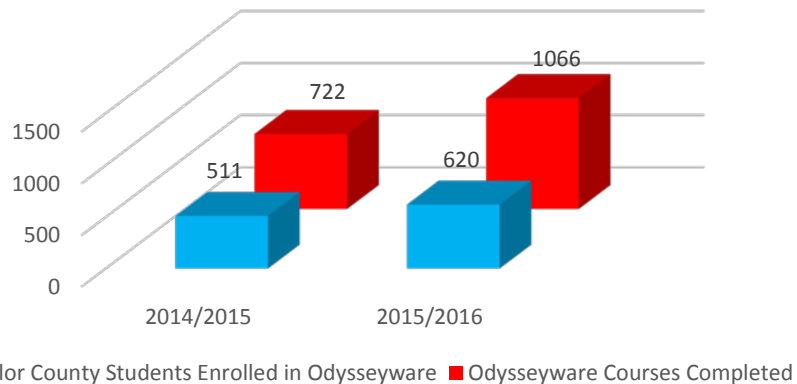


## SOLUTIONS

**Wheel of Learning:** Taylor County School District's Wheel of Learning includes several elements that are enhanced or driven by participation in Odysseyware. Elements include: traditional, self-paced, project-based, peer led, virtual, and Taylor County School District's Cardinal Academy.

**Graduation Rate:** 100%! Taylor County High School boasts a zero percent dropout rate in the past eight years. Odysseyware has been instrumental in this accomplishment since the 2014-15 school year.

An increase in Odysseyware enrollments and course completion assisted the district in maintaining 100% graduation rate and 0% drop-out rate



## CASE STUDY

### Campbellsville, KY

Odysseyware programs have enabled increased student flexibility in Kentucky's only Performance Based Learning district. Taylor County School district has maintained a 100% graduation rate since 2008.

**DISTRICT:**  
Taylor County Schools

**LOCATION:**  
Campbellsville, KY

**STUDENT POPULATION:**

- 2,651 students
- 73.3% economically disadvantaged students
- 500 Odysseyware licenses
- 20 adult learners
- 75 virtual learners

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## CHALLENGES

Taylor County Schools had multiple education technology platforms in use and students were not receiving a cohesive and enriching educational experience.

Offering learning paths for multiple student groups, all requiring a different pace and curriculum, was not an available option in the traditional classroom setting.

## NEW INITIATIVES

Taylor County School District follows a **performance-based education model**. The district also makes a distinct and concerted effort to accommodate students who have work or family responsibilities outside school, as well as those whose academic schedules require flexibility within the school day.

**CREDIT RECOVERY:** The district has a zero percent dropout policy. Credit recovery, remediation, and intervention efforts are top priorities in support of that policy and a driving force behind the district's implementation of Odysseyware. Mrs. Jennifer Fitzpatrick, Virtual Learning Coordinator, explains that students in danger of failing a course, work on Odysseyware in a lab. "It's almost like a remediation and intervention in one," she explains. "If they're failing, they go there to get what they need."

**ACCELERATED LEARNING:** Accelerated learners and gifted and talented students make up the largest population of middle schoolers using Odysseyware.

Fitzpatrick explains, "If an eighth grade student is taking mostly ninth grade classes, we may keep them at the high school all day by allowing them to take any eight grade class in Odysseyware." Alternatively, a student may be accelerated in one subject and can complete that coursework on Odysseyware.

**VIRTUAL/HYBRID PROGRAM:** The reasons for attending school virtually are not always behavioral. For some, the lab or at-home environment is ideal, while other students may need to be available for family or work obligations that conflict with the conventional school-day schedule. Some students complete academic work entirely from home, while others attend school part-time—either at the lab or in subject-specific classrooms with Odysseyware access—on a set schedule. Regardless of specific schedules and settings, all students are welcome to go in and confer with a teacher anytime.

**ADULT LEARNERS:** Taylor County's Adult Learner Program is the result of a collaboration between local businesses and Taylor County Schools Superintendent Mr. Roger Cook. A district assessment of each applicant identifies credits needed based on planned graduation date. The adult learner program then provides the opportunity to earn the missing credits and awards successful learners a diploma. In addition, the district offers residents at a local all-male rehabilitative facility, The Healing Place, the opportunity to work toward their high school diploma on Odysseyware during treatment.

*"I love the fact that I can use it on my phone. Students can use it on their phone and send me a message to ask for help."*

**Mrs. Jennifer Fitzpatrick**  
**Virtual Learning**  
**Coordinator**  
**Taylor County Schools**

*"Odysseyware makes it very easy and flexible for us to help these kids."*



Taylor County High School boasts a zero percent dropout rate for the past eight years.

*"We want kids to graduate, and to understand that they have to work for it."*

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