

# TeachTown x Maywood-Melrose Park-Broadview District 89

## A Customer Success Story

*Championing Equity Through Differentiation*

### OBJECTIVES

In this success story, we explore how Maywood-Melrose Park-Broadview District 89 uses TeachTown's adapted core curriculum, enCORE, to prioritize differentiation, ensuring every student has equitable access to grade-level standards while providing teachers with streamlined, data-driven instruction.



Located just outside of Chicago, IL, Maywood-Melrose Park-Broadview School District 89, better known as simply "**District 89**," includes a diverse population of over 4,000 students across nine schools. Serving grades PreK-8, the district is committed to supporting complex learners through resource, self-contained, and inclusive settings.



## The Need to Meet Differing Needs

When seeking a new curriculum for their K-8 students, the priority for District 89 was clear: **differentiated instruction that could serve the diverse needs of their most complex learners.**

The lack of an established comprehensive solution was causing a ripple effect of challenges: issues implementing instruction with fidelity, loss of instructional time, a widening achievement gap in both ELA and Math, and limited access to consistent, meaningful data to guide instructional decisions.

In the words of Early Childhood and Services Coordinator, Brianna Lasaponara, the administration at District 89 was seeking “a more comprehensive instructional solution that could effectively meet the diverse needs of students across all subject areas.”

**And TeachTown had just the solution: enCORE!**



## The Solution That Meets Every Need

In Fall 2021, District 89 began implementing TeachTown's K-12 standards-first, adapted core curriculum, **enCORE**, alongside supporting learning intervention, TeachTown Basics, to provide a comprehensive approach to learning.

TeachTown has been able to meet the personalized needs of District 89's diverse student population in several ways:

- **Leveled Literature & Lessons:** enCORE's three levels of built-in differentiation provide a personalized entry point for every student, from those needing extra support to those ready for more independence.
- **Responsive Technology:** Student- and teacher-led technology lessons automatically adjust based on student responses and progress to keep learners in their "Zone of Proximal Development."
- **A Whole Child Approach:** Supporting interventions go beyond academics to address adaptive, social, language, and communication needs.



Sarah Baker, a Special Education Teacher at District 89, notes:

**"The enCORE elementary curriculum has allowed my students to have access to comprehensive evidence-based learning. I love the differentiation options for all my students to be able to go back and forth between difficulty levels depending on the skills...The student-led learning activities are wonderful at scaffolding and adjusting to the students' needs to accurately practice that skill."**

enCORE's blended learning approach promotes differentiation by integrating responsive technology that automates individualized pathways with tactile, hands-on materials that provide additional avenues for student engagement. As Baker puts it, "The tech lessons and worksheets being cohesive make it so easy to have their learning cross over."

## Data-Driven Differentiation

After implementing enCORE, District 89 specifically noted one big particular win: the ability to seamlessly collect and analyze data. Baker shares →

**"One of the features I love most from TeachTown is the data reporting capabilities. I use the standards alignment reporting form so that I can write data-driven IEPs and plan for what skills we are going to intentionally focus on in their academic goals."**

District 89 has been tracking student growth with enCORE through benchmark and observational assessments. The results? "These data points collectively indicate **positive progress in student learning and engagement,**" shares Lasaponara.

And when comparing students pre- and post-test scores, this progress certainly rings true! Since the start of the 25-26 school year, District 89 has experienced a:

**71.5%**

average growth rate in student-led technology lessons between pre- and post-test scores in **enCORE**



**77.5%**

average growth rate in student-led technology lessons between pre- and post-test scores in **Basics**



# Equity In Action

In addition to the data, teachers have observed a noticeable shift in their students since implementing enCORE.

**“Since transitioning to enCORE [from the competitor], educators have noted improved accessibility, engagement, and instructional alignment for students with significant learning needs.”** - Brianna Lasaponara

Teachers in District 89 agree that their students enjoy the frequent built-in rewards and have found them to increase their motivation and keep them engaged in the technology lessons.

enCORE' includes everything teachers need within one platform, including Scope and Sequence, Daily Implementation Guides, student- and teacher-led technology lessons, instructional materials, and more! With all of this at their fingertips, Lasaponara shares that District 89 teachers have “reported increased efficiency... contributing to more streamlined lesson planning.” In other words, enCORE **saves time and preparation!**

## Looking Forward

District 89 advises other leaders to prioritize differentiation from the start. With annual data reviews planned, the district remains committed to a future where "all means all."

As Lasaponara concludes: **“enCORE will continue to play a key role in promoting instructional equity for students with diverse learning needs and supporting data-driven instruction to monitor progress toward IEP goals.”**





## Learn More

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