

Wichita Public Schools Implements Oracle Cloud ERP to Improve Business Processes, Financial Controls, and Reporting

Client Overview

Wichita Public Schools (WPS) is the largest school district in Kansas, educating approximately 11 percent of all public-school students in the state. WPS serves students in 94 schools and special program locations and employs nearly 10,000 professionals. WPS's strategic plan through 2023 is to ensure all students are college and career ready by receiving an innovative and rigorous education: Every Student Future Ready – Empowered to Dream, Believe and Achieve.

Project Summary

Wichita Public Schools decided to replace its aging Oracle E-Business application to improve business processes, financial controls, and reporting capabilities. WPS partnered with Sierra-Cedar to implement Oracle Enterprise Resource Planning Cloud (General Ledger, Budgetary Control, Accounts Receivable, Accounts Payable, AP Automation, Fixed Assets, Cash Management) and Oracle Procurement Cloud (Purchasing, Requisitioning, Sourcing, Supplier Portal, Inventory Management). Sierra-Cedar services included project management, business process consulting, change management, system configuration, data conversion, interface development with 10 external systems, testing, organizational readiness, education, and post-production support.

Objectives

- Fully integrated requisition to payment process
- Electronic expense and p-card processing
- Improved project accounting and reporting
- Automated workflow approvals
- Reduce costs and risks associated with traditional on-premise IT

Results

The 14-month project was completed on-time and on budget using Sierra-Cedar's Propel Cloud Implementation Methodology. This process-centric approach includes prototyping to model business processes as well as proprietary implementation tools and accelerators. Project accomplishments include:

- Improved workflow that greatly reduced manual and paper processes
- Enhanced reporting via Oracle Transactional Business Intelligence (OTBI) embedded in the core software
- Transformed ownership where procurement self-service allows departmental users to process requisitions, check status and perform approvals, and receive goods and services
- Eliminated future upgrades with Oracle's Quarterly Updates

From the Client

“The configurability of Fusion ERP allows us to manage the complexities of a large urban K-12 budget while being transparent and digestible for our instructional teachers. We are thrilled about what the reporting capabilities mean for saving time for our schools and programs!”

Addi Lowell

Budget Director
Wichita Public Schools

Organization Overview

Industry: K-12 Education
Location: Wichita, Kansas
Employees: ~10,000
Students: 47,000+

Products & Services

Oracle Cloud Financials and Procurement

