



## With Authentic Feedback And Peer Modeling



### Geneva, Illinois

Geneva High School is located in Geneva, Illinois, a suburb of Chicago. A high-achieving school, Geneva High School serves over 2,000 students with an average graduation rate of 99 percent.

This year, Geneva High School classrooms went 1:1 with every student now using either a Lenovo® ThinkPad or HP® Notebook computer at home and at school. This shift has gone hand in hand with the school's use of digital software solutions, including StudySync, a core English language arts program that encourages students to uncover their passion for reading and writing.

Kate Hertz has been teaching English at Geneva High School for 18 years, and she has been using StudySync since the fall of 2013.

"I noticed my students were becoming more insular and not having the engaging conversations that I would have liked," recalls Hertz. "I started looking at software solutions that would encourage more interaction."

While exploring online, Hertz stumbled on a series of videos posted to a digital curriculum resources website that featured students talking about literature.

"The students in the videos were having extremely intelligent conversations about literature, and I was intrigued," she says. "I realized there was one company behind all of the videos, and it was StudySync. I asked our Curriculum Superintendent if I could try it out, and she got me a pilot."

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