

Clay County District Schools Synergy Overview

Information and Technology Services

What is Synergy?



Synergy is an online platform that encompasses a student information system, learning management, assessment, MTSS, and special education in one system to empower our school community to promote student achievement and equity. This system will be utilized by all stakeholders (staff, students, parents) and will fund our District through State Reporting.

It will replace the following systems:

•	Focus Student Information System	>	Synergy Student Information System
•	Focus Gradebook	>	TeacherVUE
•	Focus Parent Portal	>	ParentVUE
•	Focus Student Access	>	StudentVUE
•	Performance Matters	>	Synergy Assessment
	ESE Star/504 Star	>	Synergy SE
•	Focus/PM/Paper MTSS Process	>	Synergy MTSS
	Local Online Registration (Google Form)>		Synergy Online Registration
•	Teacher Connect (Communication)>		Synergy Mail

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Why Synergy?



Synergy is a great fit for Clay County District Schools for many reasons. Here are a few highlights:

- Consolidating multiple platforms into one system will be more user friendly for our school community and allow staff, students, and parents to communicate and track progress in a more efficient manner.
- Updates outdated systems to a more modern system for better access to data, accountability, and state reporting.
- Has mobile apps for everyone -- school leaders, teachers, parents, students, and more - so everyone is able to access key information (ex. attendance, announcements,
 grades, teacher messages, assignments) in real-time to strengthen the school to home
 connection.
- The projected five year savings for converting to Synergy is \$1,008,817.24.

Conversion Timeline



Clay County District Schools staff members have been working on this project since the **Spring of 2019** on preparing and cleaning data to move it to the Synergy platform and creating systems, structures, and security for access to our data. It has been an ongoing effort and includes a multitude of stakeholders. Here are some key dates to note:

- January 2021 Began training cycle for School Administrators, School Counselors, School Records Secretaries, ESE Secreaties and Attendance Secretaries
- May 2021 CCDS staff will start to receive email flyers with information regarding the rollout, what to expect, and short informational videos (trailers).
- June 15 June 30th Focus to Synergy Rollover
- **July 1** Official launch of Synergy
- July/August 2021 Teachers and other instructional staff will receive training (Pre-Planning training or optional summer training)
- **July/August 2021** Media campaign to school community to download the ParentVUE and StudentVUE apps -- will include infographics and videos on how to login and see information such as schedules, grades, messages, etc.
- **Ongoing** Train, support, and refine processes to ensure Synergy meets the needs of all stakeholders and accurately reports data.