

Educational Organization Accelerates Student Record Retrieval Process

"A student record used to take approximately an hour to retrieve and print out. That had to change. Now with IRISpdf Server I can just do a simple keyword search in my electronic system, which retrieves and prints the record in only 5 minutes. It's wonderful!"

-Judy Keysa , Student Record Department Manager

Needed an efficient way to store and retrieve

Judy Keysa, who manages the Student Record Department at the Rochester City School District, knew they needed to make some changes in the way they retrieved and archived their student records. "We have 19 secondary schools in our district and our student records are archived on paper as well as microfilm," says Keysa. "When we receive a request for a student record it takes us approximately an hour to retrieve the paper or microfilm record and print it out. Keep in mind that a single student record may consist of approximately 88 to 120 pages of information with the average running around 45 pages or so."

The district knew they needed a new retrieval solution to replace their microfilm reader which was painfully slow. It was also crucial for the school district to address their storage issues as well, as they had only a finite amount of shelf space to store their expanding student record books.



I.R.I.S. Success

Rochester City School District

The student file search process speeded up thanks to IRISpdf™ Server

Initial situation

- 33,000 students
- Files kept in books and on microfilm
- Each student file comprises 88 to 120 pages
- One hour required to find a student file and print it

The I.R.I.S. solution: IRISpdf Server

- Creation of electronic student files
- Indexing of all student files in "searchable" text files
- Fully integrated in the dematerialization and document management system

Benefits

- Excellent image quality for printing
- Fast and easy file search via simple keywords
- Search and printing time reduced from one hour to five minutes
- Reduction in storage space



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IRISpdf features

IRISpdf Server: the most robust solution to structure, index, highly-compress and convert your documents into optimised searchable text files.

- Powerful OCR engine for high accuracy and few capture errors
- Converts any scanned document into a large number of electronic formats
- Generates highly compressed documents while preserving exceptional legibility thanks to iHQC™ technology
- Generates completely indexed and editable files
- Server functions allow automatic 24/24 treatment
- Document management: separation and renaming via blank pages or barcodes
- More than 120 languages recognised

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Streamlining the search process

For the Rochester City School District the answer was simple, the IRISpdf Server. With the purchase of a single license, the IRISpdf™ Server allowed them to easily index all of their student records into searchable electronic text files. The IRISpdf software was integrated with a new imaging system that included the Kodak document Scanner and Kodak Capture software. The output was then stored on a Xerox DocuShare system that allowed them to easily print the student records.

“With the IRISpdf Server we’ve saved a lot of time,” says Keysa. “Now I can just go to my electronic information and search for the student record I need using a simple keyword search. The whole process including printing out a 40-page document, which used to take an hour, now takes only 5 minutes. It’s wonderful. I wish we could load all of our records on this system. Right now though, because of limited manpower, we electronically go back about 7 years from the graduation date.”

Benefits

The IRISpdf software creates an extraordinary clear .pdf output of images resulting in a final printed document that often rivals the quality of the original record. Text found on each student record is indexed so retrieval is quick and easy using keyword searches.

Global Solution

Michael Iadarola of Information Management Services was the local representative who assisted the Rochester City Schools with the implementation of the I.R.I.S. solution. The school district was so pleased with the results they found using the IRISpdf Server in their Student Record Department, they decided to make another investment by purchasing the IRISpdf Server software and a Kodak Scanner for another department within the district. They now use the IRISpdf software to assist them with the storage and retrieval of their grant applications.

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