

Acellus® In New Jersey...

Park Ridge School District, Park Ridge NJ

The Park Ridge High School is located in northern Bergen County and services children in the community from grades 7-12.

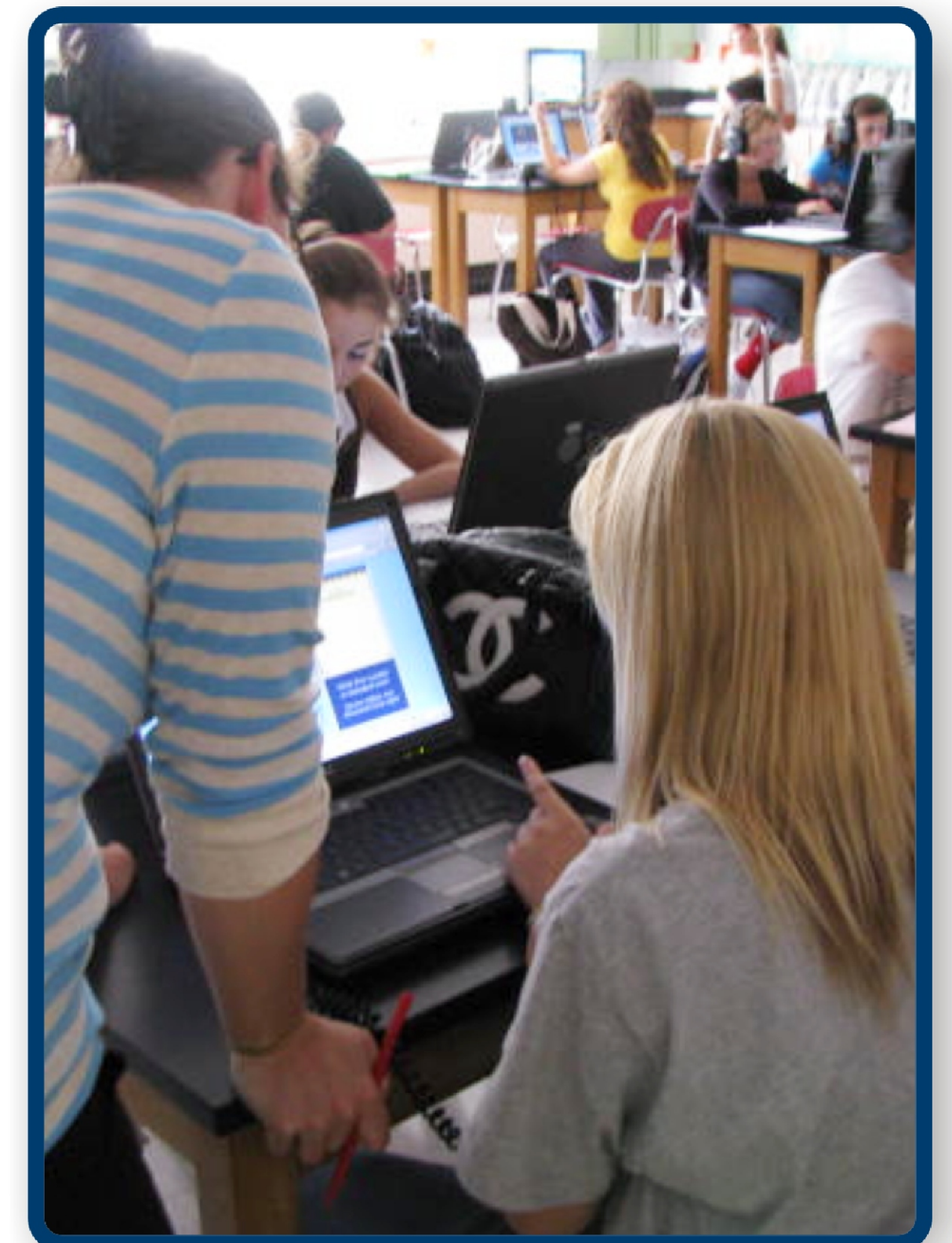


The Challenge

A number of seventh and eight-grade level students at Park Ridge High School, in the traditional pre-algebra and algebra courses, were identified by administrators as not having the prerequisite skills to be successful in these curriculums. The students were given the traditional basic skills instruction, but the gains did not meet administrative expectations.

Acellus Implementation

At the start of the 2007-2008 school year Park Ridge purchased several Acellus licenses and used the *Fundamental Mathematics* program on a limited basis to identify and remediate individual weaknesses or gaps.



Based on the success of this approach Park Ridge is using *Acellus Fundamental Math* in the 2008-2009 school year for all middle level students that have tested partially proficient on the New Jersey ASK and are recommended by the grade level teacher.

To date, instruction is naturally differentiated and self paced because students advance through the Acellus lessons based upon their understanding of a skill and their mastery on the individual assessments.

Acellus – Strong Math Foundation

Acellus has been an outstanding program to implement in the middle level. It has made it much easier to identify individual skill set weaknesses and focus on them so that students will leave the middle level with a much more solid mathematics foundation and thus experience much more success at the high school level.

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