



# CASE STUDY

## COOK HIGH SCHOOL

### STUDENTS GRADUATE WITH CREDIT RECOVERY SUPPORT, PRESCRIPTIVE LEARNING PATHS & ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION

#### Cook High School's graduation rate has steadily increased since the implementation of an alternative program

When researching a program to increase Cook High School's low graduation rate and also to help students recover course credits, Cook High School's Media Director Ray Yody said they looked for an approach that could be customized and scaled based on fluctuating student needs throughout the school year.

Since adopting Odysseyware during the 2007-2008 school year, Mr. Yody has assisted hundreds of students earn a diploma who might have otherwise fallen through the cracks. In fact, Mr. Yody factors that 10 to 15 percent of each year's graduating class has benefited from Cook's credit recovery program.

#### at-a-glance

**Cook High School**  
Credit Recovery and  
Cook Performance  
Learning Center  
Adel, GA

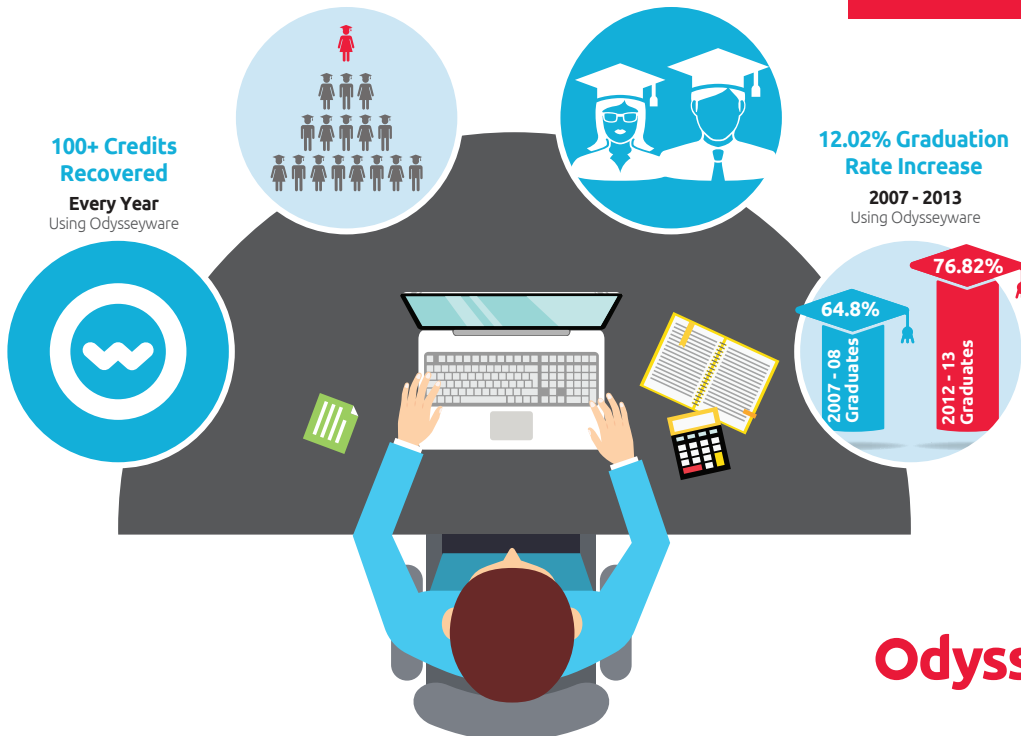
- 57%** Participate in free or reduced-price lunch program
- 55.19%** White
- 35.14%** Black
- 6.6%** Hispanic
- 1%** Asian
- 850** Students enrolled
- 100+** Credits recovered each year since 2007

**Led 17 Area Local High Schools**  
With a Score of **77.7%**  
3.8% Increase from 2012

**5.02% Higher Graduation Rate than State**  
2012 - 2013  
Using Odysseyware

**100+ Credits Recovered**  
Every Year  
Using Odysseyware

**12.02% Graduation Rate Increase**  
2007 - 2013  
Using Odysseyware





Cook High School led 17 local area high schools with a score of 77.7 on the Career and College Readiness Performance Index. This is an increase from the 2012 score of 73.9 and the top high-school score in the Coastal Plains RESA.

### **Flexible, targeted approach**

Cook High School utilizes Odysseyware both for credit recovery as well as for its alternative school students. Depending on the time of year, Cook has between 4-40 students actively working on credit recovery, often with disparate needs and moving at their own pace.

Odysseyware's credit recovery mode contains both formative and summative assessment and resultant prescriptive learning paths. This allows students to receive the targeted instruction they need based on their level of content mastery. And with course customization, Ray Yody has been able to adjust courses such as Integrated Math.

Cook High School also utilizes Odysseyware for its alternative school students. Alignment with state standards and the curriculum allows them to get back on board at the main high school. In fact, this alignment has allowed Mr. Yody to coordinate with other neighboring schools that utilize Odysseyware to more easily transfer students when the need arises.

### **Expansion to summer school and more**

Cook High School plans on expanding the program to include summer school credit recovery and possible hybrid initiatives.

“What my students like as compared to other programs,” Mr. Yody said, “is they feel they have more control over their progress in Odysseyware and can easily go back and review material. One of the best things . . . is seeing the students I’ve worked with graduating.”