



School District of Manatee County  
 Bradenton, FL  
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### Industry:

Education & Research

### Annual Revenue:

US\$700 million

### Employees:

5,400

### Oracle Products & Services:

JD Edwards World  
 Financial Management  
 General Ledger  
 Accounts Payable  
 Accounts Receivable  
 Fixed Assets  
 Financial Planning & Budgeting  
 Supply Chain Management  
 Distribution Management  
 Inventory Management  
 Sales Order Management  
 Work Order Management  
 Human Capital Management  
 U.S. Payroll Processing  
 Human Resources

**“With Oracle’s JD Edwards World applications, our users have the information they need to conduct their jobs, and the district can streamline purchasing and get products into the hands of teachers and administrators much more quickly.”** – Beth Goins, Systems Analyst, School District of Manatee County

## School District of Manatee County Empowers Users with Upgraded IT System and Purchasing Capabilities

Bordered on the north by Tampa Bay and to the west by the Gulf of Mexico, School District of Manatee County is home to more than 42,000 students and 5,400 employees. With 34 elementary schools, 10 middle schools, and 7 high schools, the school district is one of the largest, most successful districts in the state.

### Challenges

- Upgrade Oracle’s JD Edwards World application suite to take advantage of new application functionality, streamline business processes, and optimize the district’s technology investment
- Enable the district to save money by better leveraging its spend across suppliers

### Solution

- Upgraded to Oracle’s JD Edwards World A9.2 in just four months for financial management, supply chain management, and human capital management applications to improve visibility into business data and enhance service for 750 users
- Deployed JD Edwards World’s purchase card module to allow more than 400 employees to buy and quickly receive classroom, office, and maintenance supplies
- Enabled the district to take advantage of online discounts and access data needed for supplier and bid analysis
- Provided visibility into the district spending on each product and with each vendor—helping it to improve accountability and comply with bid limits
- Tracked maintenance for hundreds of district school buses and enabled the the use of a purchase card system to buy goods quickly and comply with safety and parts tracking regulations
- Used the contract calendar tool in JD Edwards World Payroll to simplify payroll processing for teachers that work 10 months each year but get paid over a 12-month period
- Used a new payroll calculation tool to significantly reduce effort and increase accuracy on payroll computations
- Enabled the district to reduce data entry requirements for fixed assets—saving time and improving data accuracy
- Decreased custom programs by 22% with out-of-the-box functionality in JD Edwards World
- Provided users with new menu options that put the information they needed in sight, while tightening security controls