

# Race to the Top

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Ohio Technology Partners

## DID YOU KNOW?

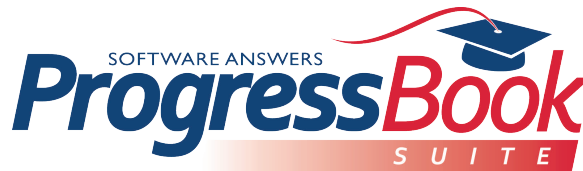
The ProgressBook Suite is being developed to meet the Instructional Improvement System (IIS) standards defined in Race to the Top.

Software Answers is continuing to develop DASL and ProgressBook products to meet the needs of Ohio Public Schools.

ProgressBook is used by districts across the United States, including the 10th largest U.S. district with over 180,000 students.

DASL and ProgressBook partner with Information Technology Centers (ITC) that support technology at Ohio school districts.

Customer satisfaction results for 2011 indicate teachers and administrators have an overall satisfaction with ProgressBook at a rate of 92.4%.



The ProgressBook Suite of applications, including DASL, are used by more than 75% of Ohio schools as their online student information systems and grade books. To continue as the majority provider and leader of school systems in the state of Ohio, the products are undergoing significant and important planning, redesign and development. Our goal is to create a usable, superior solution to enhance and leverage our partner districts' current investment in ProgressBook and DASL, and meet and exceed Race to the Top (RtT) goals.

Ohio's Race to the Top Goals	ProgressBook/DASL Strategy and Actions
Adopt standards and assessments that prepare students to succeed in college and workplace and to compete in the global economy	After Ohio adopts revised standards and assessments, ProgressBook will enable individualized education by aligning lesson plans, homework assignments and assessments to the new standards
Build data systems (IIS) to measure student growth and success, inform teachers and principals about how they can improve instruction	Enhancements being added to ProgressBook and DASL ensure applications meet and exceed all of the State of Ohio's IIS requirements
Recruit, develop, reward and retain effective teachers and principals	Features/enhancements in ProgressBook and DASL help educators improve teaching and leadership skills
Turn around the lowest-achieving schools	Advanced technology and additional data support teachers and administrators which positively impacts low-achieving schools to help them accelerate academic achievement

The development of an Instructional Improvement System (IIS) is our top priority. The new applications and enhancements will include:

- **VirtualClassroom**, a learning management system with curriculum sharing and all education aligned to Ohio and/or national standards
- **Business intelligence** tool providing high level data with drill down capabilities
- An **open architecture** enabling districts to choose the best third-party solutions for their situation so applications can integrate with the ProgressBook/DASL suite.

Whether your district needs to meet Race to the Top requirements, or strives to accelerate academic achievement, ProgressBook and DASL are systems you can continue to trust and depend on for student, classroom and district management.

### IIS - Instructional Improvement System defined by the State Of Ohio's Department of Education

1. Online access to electronic curriculum, resources, and tools aligned to revised standards
2. Curriculum customization for differentiated instruction
3. Online formative assessments
4. Data-analysis capabilities including early-warning indicators for teachers, administrators, parents and students.

Solutions for Ohio Schools by Ohio Providers

# ProgressBook Suite Overview

ProgressBook began in 2002 as a single, web-based K-12 grade book application. Today, ProgressBook Suite includes six, feature-rich, comprehensive modules – and more by the end of 2012. Used by teachers, administrators, parents and students, the suite of ProgressBook modules includes:



- **GradeBook:** Student, classroom and district management supporting K-12 standards-based education practices with online attendance, lesson plans, grade book, report cards and more.
- **SpecialServices:** Special education (IEP and ETR) and gifted (WIP) programs management with forms, reporting and collaboration-building tools.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

### SUPPORT

If your district uses ProgressBook or DASL and would like product support, please email or call the representative at your Information Technology Center (ITC) that is your primary support contact.

### SALES-RELATED INQUIRIES

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- **ParentAccess:** 24/7 Internet access by students and parents to student schedules, homework, grades, teacher messaging and school resources.
- **VirtualClassroom:** Now in development, will provide online educating for students in and outside of the classroom.
- **DataMap:** Data-driven online tool with aggregated and actionable information to help students improve their scores on state-standardized tests.
- **StudentInformation (DASL):** DASL is a feature-rich, state-of-the-art, web-based student information system first released in 2003. Now used by more than 75% of the state's school districts, this comprehensive

system is intuitive, easy to use, easy to navigate, and has a simple look and feel making it very user-friendly for both casual and intensive users.

DASL provides a seamless exchange of information with the Ohio Department of Education's (ODE) Education Management Information System (EMIS) reporting to meet today's needs. The entire design of DASL translates into major costs savings and improved data management. DASL offers many different modules.

- Fees
- Security
- Reporting
- Transcripts
- Attendance
- Discipline
- Medical records
- Calendars
- Report cards
- Student enrollment/contact information
- Counselors/homeroom/locker management
- Historical data, (inquiry, reporting, data extract )
- VendorLink (third-party application integration)
- State reporting, formatting and transmitting
- Graduation eligibility
- Proficiency assessments
- Course scheduling/requests.

