

WUSD Recognized in Time Magazine

In this week's issue of Time Magazine you will find an article which highlights Wickenburg Unified School District's use of a cutting edge "adaptive learning system" for math instruction called "Knewton". This is an amazing technology that uses mathematical algorithms to "adapt" the learning process to a student's individual learning style and level of ability. Students at Festival Foothills Elementary and Wickenburg High School participated in a pilot of this new learning system during the 2012-2013 school year along with 1,066 other students statewide.

Adaptive learning systems are growing in popularity and are designed to assist students through providing information in a format which matches the way they learn. WUSD piloted use of Knewton in our summer Jump Start program at Wickenburg High School and at Festival Foothills Elementary during the school year. The program is designed to assist students with 6th grade or above math skills reach mastery in certain aspects of math content. If a student is strong in certain areas of math, but weak in others, the program analyzes this and then provides individually tailored instruction.

In my opinion technologies such as this are the wave of the future. Students receiving personalized instruction to address their deficits will be in great demand as time progresses. I invite you to pick up a copy of Time Magazine this week and read a bit more about the program. I also want to use this opportunity to congratulate our hard working students and staff for being recognized nationally for their implementation of this cutting edge program.