

## CASE STUDY

# NEVADA VR DRIVES SCHOOL SUCCESS WITH PROJECT DISCOVERY AND ACHIEVE LIFE SKILLS

## KEY TAKEAWAYS

Nevada VR's approach illustrates the following best practices:

- 1. Leverage School Partnerships:**  
Collaborate with schools to house materials and handle day-to-day implementation, reducing logistical hurdles for VR staff.
- 2. Build on Incremental Success:**  
Start small with targeted pilots and use results to build momentum for expansion.
- 3. Focus on Teacher Training:**  
Investing in professional development ensures proper material usage and improved student outcomes.



## BACKGROUND & CHALLENGES

### Population

All students in public schools in Nevada

### Geography

Initial rollout in 2 rural schools, then expansion

### Special Considerations

Nevada VR partnered with schools to provide Project Discovery and Achieve Life Skills for use. These tools were supplied in exchange for quarterly data reporting, including pre/post tests, progress monitoring, and time spent on activities. Initial rollout was very positive and raised expectations for a broader implementation.

### Challenges

Ensuring teacher buy-in and managing data collection responsibilities.

## SOLUTION IMPLEMENTATION

Nevada VR implemented a strategy focused on collaboration and streamlined workflows:

- Materials were housed directly in schools, enabling easy access for teachers.
- Teachers integrated Project Discovery and Achieve Life Skills into regular classroom activities, ensuring consistent usage.
- Regional VR staff visited schools quarterly to collect and report data, balancing the need for oversight with practical logistics.
- Emphasis was placed on supporting teacher training to boost engagement and ensure proper use of the materials.

This partnership-based model reduced the burden on VR staff while allowing for comprehensive data collection and progress tracking.

## RESULTS & IMPACT

Early implementation of Project Discovery and Achieve Life Skills in Nevada yielded promising outcomes:

- **Improved Access:** Materials were readily available in classrooms, streamlining their use for both teachers and students.
- **Data-Driven Insights:** Quarterly data collection provided meaningful insights into student progress and areas for improvement.
- **Potential for Scalability:** Positive reception at the initial sites encouraged consideration of a broader rollout, with Clark County evaluating the program for adoption.

Though feedback from students and teachers is still forthcoming, the partnership's initial structure lays a solid foundation for continued success.

## LOOKING FORWARD

Nevada VR's structured yet flexible approach demonstrates how rural and remote school systems can successfully integrate Project Discovery and Achieve Life Skills, benefiting both students and educators. With potential statewide adoption, the model stands poised for significant impact.