

Students in 36 States are Learning Social and Soft Skills Through Interactive Teacher-Led Online Program

iStudyforSuccess Offers Two-pronged Approach to Helping Students Find Success in the Classroom and in Life

CUMMING, GA, USA, October 18, 2016 /EINPresswire.com/ -- [iStudyforSuccess](#), an online educational site that originally launched to help students improve their [study skills](#), is now being purchased by educators across the country for the social and "soft" skills programming it also offers.

iStudyforSuccess, debuted in 2013 in Cumming, Georgia, a northern suburb of Atlanta, with just a handful of schools on board, and is now being utilized by hundreds of educators in schools across 36 states. The brainchild of entrepreneur and mother of two, Julie Wilson, iStudyforSuccess, is available as a two-pronged program emphasizing Study Skills and [Social/Soft Skills](#).

The Study Skills course includes 25 sessions

on topics such as Time Management, Organization, Quiz Creation/Test Taking Skills, Learning Styles, Study Habits and Reading & Note Taking Strategies.

"The program is so flexible that it is being taught as a connections or elective class, in after school and youth service programs, and as an enrichment exercise for students in specialty programs," said Julie Wilson, Founder and President of iStudyforSuccess. The program is also used in counseling departments and media centers, and even integrated into year-long core classes. iStudyforSuccess sessions include all materials and step-by-step instructions for teachers, which means no course planning or training is required.

Students love the cartoons that open each session, which results in engaging class interaction. Key vocabulary is integrated throughout the program, and formative and summative grading suggestions are also included as guidelines for teachers.

The Social and Soft Skills course, which is growing in popularity, addresses vital interaction and character-building skills, introduced as 28 mini-sessions and facilitating positive interaction with



Julie Wilson, iStudyforSuccess Founder

others. Some of the topics presented include Honesty and Integrity, Empathy vs. Sympathy, RESPECT!, Self-Monitoring/Patience, Commitment/Timeliness, Active Listening, Trustworthiness and Leadership. Cartoons introduce these sessions as well, and each is marked with an estimated time needed for completion.

“After receiving feedback from local businesses, educators, and higher education institutions, we knew that it was vital to offer schools the opportunity to focus on both Study Skills and Social/Soft Skills for their students,” commented Wilson. “By adding in the Social/Soft Skills component, we knew we were helping to develop well-rounded children, empowering them with character-building skills needed for long-term success.”



Social and Soft Skills can help boost students' self-confidence and self-respect, while offering lasting techniques for interacting with family, friends, classmates and teachers in a healthy and positive way. The course works well at all grade levels, as a supplement to the Study Skills segment, as a guide for specialty programs, and as a complement to Business Ethics and Soft Skills Vocational Training courses at the high school level.

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While iStudyforSuccess is being utilized in 5th through 12th grades, middle school administrators and teachers have found that it is particularly effective in preparing middle school-aged children for advancement to high school. The program also allows educators the flexibility to focus on specific skills, based on students' needs.

“Our goal as a district is to personalize learning for our students. iStudyforSuccess allows teachers to focus on specific study or SEL skills based on what students bring to the classroom and on their individual needs,” commented Marie Hoffman, Assistant Superintendent, CCSD 93, Bloomingdale, IL. “The lesson plans are easy to follow and the videos and activities are highly engaging. What we love about the program is how easy it is to individualize for students or small groups. The format helps teachers to plan engaging instruction, and the resources are very well organized!”

iStudyforSuccess continues to grow throughout the U.S. and licenses are still available for the 2016-2017 school year, which runs until July 1, 2017. Licenses purchased after January 1, 2017, do not expire until July 1, 2018. A license for one teacher is \$195 and discounts are offered for five or more license purchases.

To learn more about the iStudyforSuccess sessions and to view pricing, visit www.iStudyforSuccess.com or contact Julie Wilson at JulieWilson@iStudyforSuccess.com.

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