Oasis Charter School in Salinas, California is a leader in differentiated instruction. With many layers of support for students at different academic levels, educators can identify students’ individual needs based on a combination of benchmark data and classroom performance. Educators at Oasis take pride in accounting for students’ individual needs and skill levels with every lesson. Scaffolding is baked into the lesson plans teachers complete every week, with considerations like the language demands of the lesson, modifications for students above or below level, and more.

Teachers are encouraged to include depth of knowledge questions in their assignments to check for understanding. Classes have scheduled reading time during which students read at their own level, and students needing additional support can get personalized reading instruction without taking them away from other class time.

It's no surprise that Oasis Charter School considers Freckle by Renaissance an important part of its differentiation toolbox!

"The kids like using it. They get competitive with each other over who can answer the most questions and earn the most coins!"

– BRIANA SANFORD
Academic Coach at Oasis Charter School
Academic Coach Briana Sanford began using the free version of Freckle in 2017, when she was a teacher at her previous school. When she joined Oasis, she knew that Freckle would help the school reach every student at their own level, and she chose to upgrade to Freckle Premium to give teachers unlimited access to Freckle’s robust student growth data and the complete suite of differentiation tools.

Teachers at Oasis use Freckle in a variety of different ways in their classrooms. Some use it for extra practice for early finishers, while others incorporate it into the day’s main lesson plan. Sanford says students especially enjoy working on Freckle in what teachers refer to as “Starbucks mode”—silent, independent practice, as if they were working in a coffee shop instead of a classroom. The teachers find that Freckle is an excellent way to drill and reinforce standards and skills that they are working on in class.

“I really like using the reports. The data alone makes Freckle Premium worth it!”

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One thing the teachers at Oasis love the most about Freckle Premium is the data they can see on student growth. Oasis uses Freckle's classroom benchmark assessments extensively to monitor student progress. The reports allow teachers to identify where students are struggling and where they are growing. Using the assessment data, educators can see which standards the entire class needs to practice more, as well as how each student is progressing individually.

With Freckle, Oasis Charter School is able to give all students the challenge and support they need for Math and ELA success. We're proud to be a part of their amazing differentiation program!