



J.K. Mullen High School

Success Story

Community Demands Functionality!!!

What We Faced...

Mullen High School faced a predicament with their current website. The site was a little bit older and had been designed and put together by someone who was no longer available to help. While the website had been a great tool in previous years, as technology had progressed the site had not and the administration was faced with an outdated website both in look and functionality. Their community desires MORE!

Teachers wanted an easy to use portal to allow them to update their own personal pages when it was convenient for them. Something simple but that would allow for complex functionality if they desired it and offered a variety of options for page development.

Students and Parents wanted a site that was easy to navigate and provided accurate, up to date information on games, activities, and other events in the community. The need to have functionality and results provided in a quick manner was paramount.

Finally, the administration wanted a fresh look, hoping to reinvigorate a web image and provide easily navigated web content for all of their users, prospective students, families, and everyone else. Furthermore, they hoped to be able to take advantage of fresh and current technologies that would allow them to provide video tours, online registrations, and portal functionality.



How Helix Helped...

Mullen and Helix began working together towards a common goal; developing a strategy and plan for implementing a robust, intuitive solution that could meet the needs of the community. We began by providing Mullen administrators with research on current technology trends and a suggested “plan of attack”. This helped administrators work with school board members and other management to develop their long term technological plan as well as budget and resource constraints.

From there, Helix was able to bring Mullen together with the experienced design and content management personnel at OrfDesign who were able to take the needs and visions of the staff and provide a simplified, intuitive web site with an equally simple and capable back end management system. This gave the teachers the highly sought after ability to update their pages seamlessly and with little hassle while providing the administrators with the unified design elements and management system they wanted to offer to their departments and associated organizations.

Helix was then able to integrate a customized backend portal solution for parents and registrants which provided needed online bill payment and other well received features. The use of a fully featured web portal system and the web admin system allows Mullen the flexibility to make quick and easy changes while allowing parents to have access to a secured, feature rich area.