



CLIENT SUCCESS STORY

District Improves Inventory Process with On-Site Services

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Mobile County Public Schools –
Gail Bell, Data Support Specialist

GEOGRAPHY

Mobile, Alabama

VITALS

97 facilities, 60,000 students

CHALLENGES

Needed a better tracking process for inventory and consumables

RESULTS

On-site services helped to implement and improve inventory process

ADDITIONAL BENEFITS

Can track items to see what they over and under order



WORK AND ASSET



Mobile County Public Schools better manages their inventory using Dude Solutions' services and training

With 97 facilities at Mobile County Public Schools, the district maintains a lot of inventory. However, without an organized inventory management system, it proved difficult for the facilities team to have an efficient consumables tracking process.

“We have two inventory warehouses. One is running efficiently and consumables have been entered into our inventory management software solution, but the other warehouse, which is over 5,000 sq.. had never been organized. This made it challenging to implement a manageable process for both warehouses,” said Gail Bell, Data Support Specialist at Mobile County Public Schools.

Gail reached out to Dude Solutions, a trusted advisor and what the district uses to manage maintenance. “We wanted to take advantage of expert on-site inventory services, including process and best practices training for the warehouse team as well as product training,” Gail said. Dude Solutions offers professional services to its clients to help assess and improve the workflow process; evaluate, develop and implement process improvements and action plans to increase productivity; and help districts learn and apply industry best practices.

Within 2 weeks of the district's request for assistance, Dude Solutions was already on-site! After five days of being on-site, the turnkey service delivered a fully functioning warehouse and sustainable process for Mobile County going forward. The on-site services included helping to organize the warehouse, create labels and import the data into the district's inventory solution, Work & Asset™ Management. Experts also provided process training and best practices on how to keep stock, scan consumables properly and tie inventory supplies to work orders for tracking. “The process was well organized and Dude Solutions' team provided amazing support,” Gail added.

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Now, Mobile County can fully utilize both warehouses efficiently and track all items they use. The department has improved the ordering process by being able to easily identify item status and location. Future planning will be easier now that the district can better see what consumables they over-order versus items in low supply. “Through better tracking, we realized we have a lot of surplus items and can decide if we'd rather auction off or donate our surplus supplies,” said Gail.



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Looking ahead, the district plans to combine its two warehouses into one central location to maintain, which they believe will result in both mileage savings and additional cost efficiencies. With everything now in Work & Asset, Gail's department can use the reports and Key Performance Indicators available to her to better evaluate inventory usage and compare the results to districts nationwide. "We'll be running reports on a monthly or quarterly basis to gain increased visibility into what consumables we have, better track inventory usage, and improve ordering," Gail said.

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