

Spotlight on: Revel History

How can requiring Revel in History courses benefit your students?

How do you know if your students are reading the assigned material?

Karl Clark at [Coastal Bend College](#) adopted Revel to encourage students to read the textbook and complete assignments prior to lecture so students would come to class better prepared for discussion. What happened? On a pre-semester survey (prior to using Revel), 23% of student survey respondents reported that in the past they had attended class without having read the textbook, but in the semester they used Revel, only 11% of the same group of respondents reported they attended class without having completed Revel reading (figure 1).

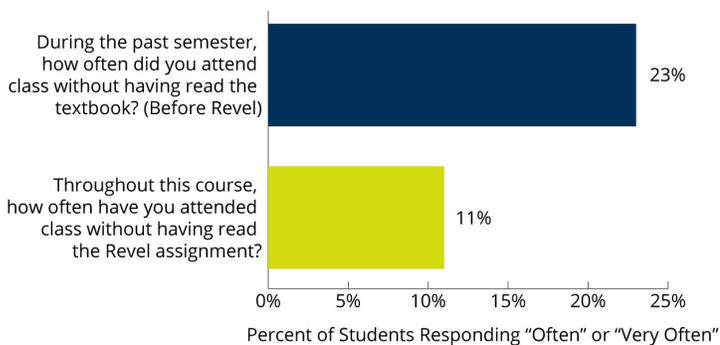


Figure 1. Student Pre-course Survey Responses (n=156), Post-course Survey Responses (n=132), Fall 2015

How do you engage students in the course material and class discussion?

At [Rowan Cabarrus Community College](#), the instructor uses Revel to engage students in the content and improve class discussion. Student survey responses were positive regarding the benefits of Revel.

Survey says:

- 95% of student respondents agreed that Revel made them more prepared for class.
- 92% of student respondents agreed that Revel kept them more engaged in the content for the course.
- 81% of student respondents agreed that Revel made class discussions more interesting.

How do students feel about using Revel in their course?

Students at [Coastal Bend College](#) completed an end-of-semester survey about their experience using Revel. See what they have to say below.

Students speak:

"I liked using Revel way better than using the actual book because it narrows down the amount of pages and targets exactly what I need to learn."

"Revel has shorter chapters that make it easier for students to understand."

"Revel impacted my learning by having me think critically."

"I was able to learn on my own time and able to understand things more clearly when a video was followed by some reading."

Would you like to improve student success and retention rates?

[Coastal Bend College](#) tracked success and retention rates before and after implementing Revel. Data shows that when Revel was required for at least 25% of the course grade, success rates improved by an average of 14.9 percentage points and retention rates improved by an average of 8.4 percentage points (figure 2).

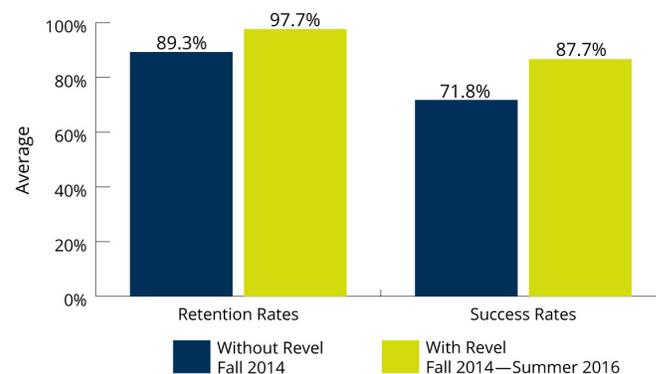


Figure 2. Retention Rates and Success Rates without Revel; Fall 2014 (n=131) vs. with Revel; Fall 2014—Summer 2016 (N=1,378)