

GOOGLE WORKSPACE FOR EDUCATION ALLOWS TEACHERS TO CONNECT WITH THEIR STUDENTS AT A DISTANCE

PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT FACTS:



District Enrollment
9,701 Students
500 Teachers



Grades Served
K-12



No. of Schools
11 Total
(6 Elementary,
3 Middle School,
1 High School,
1 Learning Center)



Student Grade Level
Grade 6-12
take devices home
during school year

Trying to replicate the traditional school day during a pandemic has been a challenge. Schools have needed access to a secure collaboration platform to make sure learning is more flexible and accessible for students. And among the platforms to choose from, Google Workspace for Education remains the top choice for public school districts.

DISTRICT CHALLENGES

- Locked into a cycle of expensive and time-consuming maintenance
- Quotas on users to mitigate demand
- No easy way to reach both teachers and employees that didn't have Exchange emails

DISTRICT RESULTS

- Improved quality of teaching with a faster feedback loop
- Higher levels of student engagement
- Increased levels of student achievement and mastery

CHALLENGE

The district licensed Microsoft Exchange for the majority of their staff members, but this locked them into a cycle of expensive and time-consuming maintenance: the last, costly upgrade was outgrown in only two years. The district also set quotas on users to mitigate demand. Faculty knew that efficient operations requires good communication across every single person in the community. They needed an easy way to reach full-time teachers and administrators, as well as employees that did not have email — school bus drivers, cafeteria workers, and substitute teachers.

SOLUTION

As the school investigated options to manage rapid demand, it became clear that migrating all their employees to Google Workspace for Education would be the most attractive financially and have the most capacity for expansion. They were able to customize the interface of Google's console to make it as familiar as possible and staff were impressed by how easy it was to set controls and regulate apps. IT staff can also easily set permissions so that parents of students under age 13 could opt out of some features if they wanted to. The public school adopted Google Workspace for Education, enabling every student in the district to have an email address and access to Google Drive. School administrators found Google Workspace and Chromebooks easy to manage centrally and maintain without arduous upgrades. And the results were clear: over the past few years their Google console showed usage of Chromebooks rising from 2,000 times a day to 10,000 times a day. Today users in the district store 81 terabytes of data on Google Drive.

RESULTS

- 74% of teachers** report Google products have improved the quality of student work
- 83% of students** report using Google products have impacted the quality of their work
- 71% of teachers** report Google tools improved student collaboration
- 71% of students** report Google tools improved feedback from teachers
- 70% of students** collaborate with other students at least once a month

SUMMARY

The school focused on optimizing efficiency for everyone in their district and directly impacting teaching and learning, working quickly to deploy Google Workspace and Chromebooks across the large school district, and therefore increasing collaboration across students and teachers. In addition, the IT department no longer has to maintain and upgrade legacy technology, instead they are now free to focus on infrastructure initiatives that directly affect learning, like improving wireless access.

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