Brazosport ISD—Creating a Collaborative District With Google

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Brazosport ISD Goes Google with Chromebooks and Google Apps

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Agenda

1. Introductions
2. The story of Brazosport ISD
3. Google for Education Overview
4. Solutions for schools
   - Platform: Google Apps for Education
   - Devices: Chromebooks and Android Tablets
   - Content: Google Play for Education
5. Question & answer
One district’s journey

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Creating a Collaborative District with

AWESOMESAUCE! Student, Clute Intermediate School
About Brazosport ISD

- Background
- Our past
- Our present
- Our future

The fact that I can log in to my home computer and have the same Google experience without lugging my BISD laptop home is amazing in and of itself!

Kim McLeland, Teacher, Griffith Elementary School
Why GAFE (Google Apps for Education)?

- Financial Challenges
- Limited Staff
- Stagnant Technology Environment
- Limited opportunities for collaboration

_Students using Google Apps seem to be more engaged, solving higher level problems, and you can see the evidence instantly of student learning._

_Keith Merritt, Assistant Principal, Lake Jackson Intermediate School_
Why GAFE (Google Apps for Education)?

- Limited individual mailbox capacity
- Outdated Office Suite
- Limited technology availability
- Device compatibility

Using Google Apps for Education has transformed the way students and teachers use technology. In the classroom students learn to work collaboratively...their eyes are opened to the nature of the modern connected world we live in.

Joshua Davenport, Teacher, Elisabet Ney Elementary School
Technical Roadmap

- Plan
- Test
- Go Live

As the secretary to the Superintendent, Google has been an incredible time saver and is definitely a more efficient way to run a very busy and demanding office.

Leta Faulk, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent, Administration Building
Plan

● Assessments
  o Personnel
  o Infrastructure and hardware
  o Financial Impact
● Timeline development

Now our lessons and ideas don't have technical challenges, the learning curve is very short and we don't have geographical limits.

Javier Montiel, Teacher, Velasco Elementary School
Phase 1 (Technology Department)
Phase 2 (Administrative and Select Campus Personnel)

The ability for everyone to work in the same document simultaneously, or when each individual has the time --and it tracks who did what-- is by far the most awesome and time-saving feature for me. I really don't know how we managed without that.

Tami Sophia, District Communications Coordinator,
Administration Building
Go Live

- Phase 1 - Google Apps (which included Docs, Sheets, Slides, Sites and Calendar)
- Phase 2 - Gmail and Google Hangouts

I really like using Google to collaborate on lesson plans with fellow teachers. We can work on the same document at the same time. Makes things go faster and it is easy for teachers to be able to work on different components of a lesson at the same time.

Tricia Grebe, Teacher, Velasco Elementary School
Google has become very helpful with multiple teacher and/or department collaboration. We can view, share and even edit together...our schedules don't always match, with Google apps we can work together from distances across campus or district.

Renita Walker, Teacher, Brazoswood High School
Google apps has transformed how we communicate on our campus. Our teachers use google docs regularly for lesson planning and are able to share with me and any other teachers...Google Drive is a life saver!

Rita Cundieff, Principal, Velasco Elementary School
Considerations

- Infrastructure
- Personnel
- Financial
- Professional Development

Google Apps has provided a way for my students to work collaboratively, more easily and explore things that they may otherwise never have been able to experience.

Heather Koenning, Teacher, Clute Intermediate School
Google Apps For Education

I love Google. You can store everything and access everything from anywhere. It allows so much flexibility for both myself, my own children, and my students. It has helped me to collaborate on so many different projects that I would need a shared Google Drive Spreadsheet to remember all the occasions in which my professional productivity, professional efficiency, and professional end result were impacted by its use. It is almost overwhelming to try to put it into words considering how often it is used and for all the different applications. To say it goes way past email is a major understatement. We use it daily in our classroom, in our professional development, in our collaboration, in our teaching, in our students' collaboration, in our students' learning, to even the simple “Fat Friday” who is bringing what to the luncheon. Our administrator uses it for feedback, input, sharing information, staff development, staff meetings, there really is not an end... I started this with the idea that I could get the information down, but I am now thinking of all the times throughout the day in which I use it and it is overwhelming. We are even flipping the class and providing reteach material for students who are struggling through uploaded videos which we share with our students through their own Google accounts. Any district not using a tool as effective as Google with all it has to offer, is not effectively using their time, resources, money, or expertise if you ask me. Once you use it for a year and figure out how much it has to offer, you will not want to function without it. You can quote me on that. It took time to learn, but the benefits of yet 'another resource' in this case greatly outway the costs. Bravo Google!

Anne Tischler, Teacher, Stephen F. Austin Elementary School
Prepare students for jobs that don’t yet exist
Open technology to improve learning for everyone, everywhere
“Going Google means adopting a culture that extends beyond the classroom walls: it’s about openness, curiosity, and working together.”

– Jim Sill
Educator & Trainer
Visalia, California

Empowerment
Discover a world of infinite resources

Choice
Use the right device, anytime anywhere

Teamwork
Work together in real-time

Scalability
Affordable and easy to manage
A complete education solution, from hardware to content

Platform

Devices

Content
Google Apps for Education core services (for free)

- **GMail**
  - Keep everything and find it fast with search

- **Calendar**
  - Share schedules and calendars instantly

- **Groups**
  - Create and work in teams easily

- **Sites**
  - Make and manage your own sites

- **Drive**
  - Collaborate as you create

- **Vault**
  - Search and discovery for compliance needs

- **Classroom**
  - Send assignments and communicate with ease

- **Talk/Hangouts**
  - Text chat and group video calling for up to 15 people

40 million students, teachers, and staff use Google Apps for Education for Education

Google for Education
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Devices that are at home in the classroom
Chromebooks for Education

- Get to lessons faster
- Same experience everywhere
- Easy to share
- Safe and secure
Tablets for Education
Designed for learning, made for the classroom

It’s never been easier to…

▪ Deploy
▪ Discover
▪ Deliver…
Teaching & learning resources
Go easy on the IT department with simpler set-up and management

Set up a classroom in minutes
Give teachers access to a wide array of education tools for tablets and Chromebooks, all in one place.

- Android apps
- Chrome apps
- K-12 books
Increase student engagement
Prepare students for the jobs of tomorrow
Q&A