Google Workspace for Education Plus:
Google's Mobile Device Management Brings Unity to Romoland School District Systems
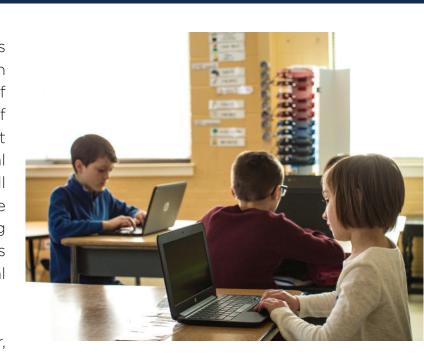

Statement

To ensure an effective learning environment, particularly in the virtual classroom, schools rely on educational technology products that will enhance teacher instruction and improve student growth. However, after making an investment in a system, districts are sometimes faced with the reality that it can't do everything they need it to, and are forced to seek out 3rd party services that can. Fortunately, Google Workspace for Education Plus is a one-stop shop that Amplified IT provides.

Results

Through the upgrade to Google Workspace for Education Plus, Romoland School District was able to create a unified solution that eliminated the need for all other 3rd party services, including Active Directory and provided a technology system that is nimble enough to support their changing needs.

How does Amplified IT help institutes unify their systems and provide additional security with Google Workspace for Education?

Romoland School District (RSD) is located in a small suburban community 22 miles south of Riverside and 60 miles north of San Diego. The district acknowledges that instructional technology plays a strong role in all content areas to develop a more engaging and creative learning environment, and prepare students for a future in which technological literacy is going to be key.

RSD's Chief Technology Officer, Vince Butler, stated, "as technology's role in education continues to expand, it is increasingly necessary that technology systems be nimble to support these changing needs, while often being required to do so on a lean budget." To stay ahead of this change and within their financial plan, RSD has been in the process of transitioning Active Directory, a Microsoft directory software, out of their network to unify operations under Google Workspace as much as possible. Additionally, they wanted to manage their Chrome devices using Google's Mobile Device Management tool instead of using other 3rd party systems.

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Our Amplified IT team showcased the value in the advanced features of Google Workspace for Education Plus, and guided RSD in the adoption of the system. In the process, we created a unified solution that eliminated the need for all other 3rd party services, including Active Directory.

Google's Mobile Device Management tool was the initial draw for the district to implement the change. However, the upgrade came with added benefits that weren't previously on the district's radar. The instructional features of Google Meet, unlimited Originality Reports, and the network Investigation tool have become increasingly useful for them throughout the school year.

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> **-Vince Butler,** Chief Technology Officer, Romoland Elementary School District

The Investigation tool specifically has been useful on multiple occasions in regard to multiple phishing campaigns that have been targeted at their schools and district office. "We have had repeated incidents of targeted phishing where a malicious actor has impersonated our school principals and one of our board members to contact multiple staff members to solicit a 'favor' to purchase gift cards. With the Investigation tool we have been able to swiftly identify and purge those messages from our user's mailboxes, in most cases before they have even been seen." Vince Butler reported and continued with, "Google Workspace for Education Plus, partnered with Google's 'works anywhere, on anything' approach, has enabled the Romoland School District to provide a robust, secure, and flexible instructional technology environment that supports the diverse needs of students, teachers, and support staff."

For a district that is heavily invested in Google's products, there is a lot of value to be had through upgrading to Google Workspace for Education Plus. Amplified IT helps schools get the most out of their Google environment. Let us help you simplify yours while saving money on 3rd party products and improving security by upgrading to Google Workspace for Education Plus.

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