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Instructional Design

Statement of Purpose

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Technology is rapidly changing. The “stuff” that students have to know to be successful is rapidly changing. There is increased value in collaboration and communication. For many years educators have been limiting the amount of communication that can take place between students. In education we usually call that cheating and in the business world they call that collaboration. Google Documents allows an unprecedented amount of collaboration at a very low price. In fact, if your school buys their own domain they can obtain google apps for their entire school for FREE!

Google is one of the most admired and valuable companies in the entire world. The number of businesses moving to Google Apps is enough to make this part of any schools curriculum. I am going to list 10 reasons everybody should move their school to Google Apps and a short Explanation for each.

1. Students will love you for it. Students already use Gmail and are comfortable with its interface.
2. Free up your IT. Your IT department won't have to worry about maintaining servers to run services and they can now focus on increasing learning.

3. Easy to deploy. This is the easiest way to set up your own email and calendaring system for your district.
4. Save money. Did I mention this is free for schools?
5. You're not alone. Thousands of Universities and individuals are using Google apps.
6. Privacy. Google takes privacy very seriously and I believe your stuff is more secure with Google than with your IT department.
7. Security. Sharing settings and other items are very secure and a great way to keep confidential documents.
8. Innovation in real-time. You get new features when google comes out with them. You don't have to wait for your IT department to install anything.
9. Collaborate globally. You can share documents around the world and do not have to limit yourself from within you own school.
10. Support. Google maintains a help center and has phone and email support 24/7.

These items are a small number of reasons to move to Google Apps for your school. At the end of they day you have to decide what is best and go with it.