



Chester-East Lincoln

**FAST FACTS****Name:** Matt Grammer**Role:** Technology Coordinator**District:** Chester-East Lincoln School District, Lincoln, IL**Challenge:** Bridging the communication gap between teachers and students, and their devices.**Solution:** An iPad program with eBackpack paperless workflow system.**Results:** A user-friendly workflow system between teachers and students.**Contact:**questions@eBackpack.com  
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## A Learning Platform that Works for Everyone

The technology coordinator of a leading-edge school district moves his classrooms forward with a teacher-student workflow system.

“**We are constantly** striving to integrate technology in the classroom and eBackpack bridges the communication gap between teachers and the student devices,” says Matt Grammer, Technology Coordinator for Chester-East Lincoln School District in Lincoln, IL. “Without an online system such as eBackpack, students would still need to receive instructions in class and hope that they have all the required documents and materials to complete the assignments. eBackpack allows students to log in, get assignment instructions, and download material relevant to the assignment.”

“With eBackpack, students actually get excited about homework or classwork,” Grammer continues. “They take a more active role in learning – so eBackpack gives them a sense of responsibility for taking charge of their own education. And, from a technical administration point of view, it make our job easier and more effective.”

### Powerful planner, tremendously helpful

Emilie Young, a fifth-grade teacher in the district, likens eBackpack to a powerful digital planner. “Students see at a glance the homework that will be due that week – day and time. They submit homework without ‘losing’ it,” she comments. eBackpack makes it easy for them to pull up their assignments in class and work on them there. “A big advantages is that everyone is on the same page – they know what’s due in what class, and they

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“eBackpack helps all of us do our jobs better and more easily. It makes learning possible anywhere, anytime.”

—Heather Murphy, Eighth-Grade Teacher, Chester-East Lincoln School District, Lincoln, IL



**Star students.** *With a technology communications bridge between teachers and students, academic workflow is faster, easier, more reliable — and student engagement and achievement is assured.*

have access to any extra handouts at the click of a button,” she says. “It helps tremendously with organization. A teacher can see who’s turned in assignments on time. So eBackpack saves *me* time. It’s a great solution for students and teachers alike.”

### Best thing that ever happened

Heather Murphy, who teaches eighth grade in the district, notes that parents are able to see all assignments and what has or has not been submitted to the teacher. “Parents are also allowed full access to the graded assignments as well,” she comments. “So eBackpack is an all-around solution for our entire community.”

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“eBackpack is one of the best things that has ever happened to our Junior High,” says Murphy. “Once the students understand how to use it, it

becomes a very beneficial tool for the classroom. My advice is to hold a mandatory parent/student meeting that discusses how to use eBackpack. Then, throughout the first week of school, hold an eBackpack Boot Camp.” Murphy took the first week of her class to teach students how to find materials, upload documents, submit assignments, and navigate the site. “The students catch on quickly and understand how it works,” she says. “Similarly, teachers and parents also get the hang of it – and once they see the advantages, everyone is very happy with the system.”

### Making learning possible anywhere, anytime

“eBackpack helps all of us do our jobs better and more easily,” says Murphy. “I think it is a wonderful use of technology, which makes learning possible anywhere, anytime.” 

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