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Solving Workflow Issues and So Much More

A one-to-one iPad school district discovers the workflow ease of a robust digital platform to enhance student engagement.

Robin Dishmon is a Technology Integration Specialist with Raleigh County Schools in Glen Morgan, WV. "My primary focus is to enrich and support teaching and learning while strengthening the technology skills of the teachers and students in Raleigh County Schools," she comments. "In 2013, we began a one-to-one iPad initiative and quickly realized that we had major workflow issues. Fortunately, we found eBackpack and that has made all the difference for us."

Raleigh County School District has approximately 12,000 students and 1,000 teachers in grades K-12. They have 4 high schools, 5 middle schools, 19 elementary schools, and 1 career and technology center. They are one-to-one with iPads in grades 3-12, while students in grades K-2 share devices.

Overcoming multiple challenges

When the school district began their one-to-one initiative, teachers were simply trying to get content to students. "It was a challenge for students to send a Keynote or an iMovie to the teacher," says Dishmon. "File size, document type, and limitations with student e-mail accounts became a major frustration." Storage was another issue. "We needed cloud storage where students could store data for major creativity projects. And we wanted to shift to a paperless environment," she says. "eBackpack allowed us to do all that and more."

Dishmon says "eBackpack helped us to transform the iPad from a gaming device to an instructional tool. Teachers could quickly create assignments and assessments that included instructions, links, documents, audio,

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Digital schools. *A quality LMS with a strong paperless workflow solution is exactly what educators at Raleigh County School District were looking for and found with eBackpack. "Teachers can enrich lesson content and add a variety of multimedia to reach different types of learners," says Robin Dishmon, whose focus is to enrich and support teaching and learning.*

and video. It's fast and easy," says Dishmon. For examples, Dishmon offers: "Pulling a YouTube video into an assignment takes seconds. Students can 'turn-in' assignments created in other apps with a few taps on the screen. The annotation feature, which allows students to work anywhere without Wi-Fi, was a game changer."

Enhancing student engagement

"eBackpack actually enhances student engagement," Dishmon notes. "Teachers can enrich lesson content and add a variety of multimedia to reach different types of learners," she says. "Students like doing things digitally. And, if a student is absent, they can still get the assignment and turn their work in."

eBackpack "gives us everything we need in a single app. Storage space was huge as well. Teachers and students having unlimited personal storage using My Files. Teachers also liked the fact that eBackpack doesn't require students to have an e-mail account, and data is updated nightly." Further, says Dishmon, eBackpack "promotes collaboration by allowing teachers to share lessons and teaching materials across the county."

Phenomenal support

The support from eBackpack is "phenomenal," says Dishmon. "They provide great on-site training, webinars, and have an awesome support site. Our eBackpack manager would call us on a regular basis just to ask how things were going. What company does that? Anything we ask them about or requested, became a reality. They are constantly improving their product!"

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