

Greenville Public Schools embrace mobility and launch new learning practices



Customer Profile

Greenville Public Schools is a semi-rural district which includes the city of Greenville, Michigan and parts of seven townships in three counties comprised of one high school, one middle school, and four elementary schools. The school district has been operating since 1845. Each of Greenville's schools provides an engaging curriculum aligned to State of Michigan standards. A variety of technology tools are provided for students and staff in each building for instruction and assessment, and data management purposes.

PRODUCTS & SERVICES

- GO!Enterprise MDM

DEVICE TYPES

- Droid 3 & Galaxy Tab

OBJECTIVES

- Provide students with smartphones or tablets to enhance productivity, collaboration, and learning

CHALLENGES

- Cost
- Parental concerns
- Deployment, control, and oversight
- Prevent unauthorized Wi-Fi access
- Child Protection Act requirements

SOLUTION BENEFITS

- Streamlines policy deployment
- Facilitates policy enforcement
- Secures and encrypts data
- Provides easy-to-use interface
- Allows for lost device tracking

The Challenge

Greenville Public School District wanted to provide an Android smartphone or tablet to every child above the 2nd grade in the entire school district as a collaborative tool for homework assignments and e-learning activities.

Naturally, they also wanted a cost-efficient yet effective solution to manage and control the smartphones and tablets deployed to each student. In doing so, the district had to find a tool that would safeguard against device misuse and student distraction as well as satisfy parental concerns such as students accessing inappropriate websites, cyber bullying, and cyber predators. Most importantly, the solution would need to run in parallel of Greenville Public School District's high standards of ensuring student safety by meeting the Child Protection Act requirements.

The Solution

Globo and Verizon Wireless worked together with the Director of Technology Services to frame a comprehensive mobility strategy by identifying vulnerabilities, establishing best practices, and defining project requirements. Verizon Wireless provided a private data only network to add HTTP level security and control. Further, a decision was made that smartphones and tablets would be data only with no voice functionality.

Globo provided its mobile device management solution, GO!Enterprise MDM, in test to evaluate the effectiveness of the solution in meeting the balance of Greenville Public School District's security and oversight requirements. After successful testing, the decision was made to rollout GO!Enterprise MDM to the entire device deployment.

"The success of the 1-to1 rollout of Android devices to our students relied heavily on the level of security and control both Verizon Wireless & Globo were able to provide us using their solutions. Having deployed GO!Enterprise MDM, we were able to meet requirements and satisfy the concerns of both the parents and our staff."

- Leanne Eyer, Director of Technology Services