K-12 Education

Enhancing Education Through Communications

Even under shrinking budgets, educators are challenged to improve enrollment, student scores, staff effectiveness, and school safety. Primary and secondary schools are under intense pressure to improve academic performance and graduation rates, which require district-wide collaboration, flexible and widespread communications, and seamless access to resources. Higher education institutions need to attract and retain the best students and faculty. IT is under pressure to meet the expectations of tech-savvy students while facing the daunting task of keeping the entire campus secure.

Key trends facing K-12 school districts:

- Enhancing school safety
- Modernizing district-wide communications
- Expanding distance learning
- Enhancing teacher, student, parent and administrator communications
- Improving school district services
- Lowering total cost of ownership

How can Meridian IT and its partners address these trends?

Meridian IT uses communications technology to transform and improve the education environment. We streamline communications architecture, integrate a myriad of communications devices, and deliver unified communications and specialized applications that provide staff and students with both information and access. Together, we help education institutions solve their business challenges with cost-lowering solutions and services.

School Safety Grant Program

The safety of students and staff is always a priority for administrators, but ultimately, security relies on funding. Today's tight budgets make maintaining high levels of protection difficult. To help schools access the billions of dollars available in federal grants, Meridian IT is offering complimentary grant writing.

With a consultative approach, your Meridian IT team will meet with you to understand your school's needs, discuss possible grants and work collaboratively to recommend the equipment and funding needed to ensure the highest degree of safety for your student body, staff, and community. We can help you:

- Create or update your school security and communications systems
- Stay within budget by utilizing grants and bundling targeted products
- Support existing security systems with innovative, integrated solutions

Benefits for K-12 school districts:

- Quick return on investment in new technology, utilizing many existing technology investments
- Improved communications between students, parents, faculty and administration
- Enhanced distance learning capabilities with video conferencing solutions
- Increased community involvement through emergency notification services
- Student safety enhancements
- Homework hotline
- Keep up with tech-savvy students

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Education Solutions

Power Management
- Reduces energy use, expense, and waste
- Automates shut-downs and low-power states

Unified Communications
- Improves communications between students, parents, faculty and administration
- Reduces monthly telephone bills
- Empowers greater collaboration

Wireless Network Access
- Allows teachers to add web content to their curriculum
- Allows students to access the Internet anywhere on premise
- Allows guest access to visitors

Video Collaboration
- Broadens curriculum materials
- Enhanced distance learning capabilities
- Enriches remote education of special needs students

Emergency Notification Solution
- Improves student safety
- Increases community involvement and funding through automated emails, texts, and phone calls about upcoming events

Network Security Solutions
- Next-Generation Firewall
- Managed security services
- Risk-vulnerability assessments
- Compliance

Industry-Leading Technology Partners

ARUBA networks	AVAYA NORTEL	AXIS COMMUNICATIONS	coraid REDEFINING STORAGE	JUNIPER NETWORKS
Wireless networks	Voice, video conferencing, data	Video surveillance	Storage	Routers, switches, VPN, security

Lightspeed Systems	Microsoft	NETWORK BOX Managed Security Services	paloalto NETWORKS the network security company	Polycom
Network filtering, mobile filtering, collaboration, email, spam filter, email archiving, antivirus, management	Lync Integration Partners	Managed Security Services Provider (MSSP)	Next-Generation Firewall	Video conferencing

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