Redding SD’s Goals in Going 1:1

The goal of the 1:1 program at RSD is to provide opportunities for teachers to engage students, build digital/computer literacy and individualize instruction while creating a learning environment that is consistent with advances in technology and facilitates resource sharing, critical thinking, innovation, research, creativity, communication, collaboration, increased productivity and mobile learning.

(Source: http://reddingschools.net/project/11-project)
Getting Back Class Time:
Why support is key in 1:1 rollouts

As anyone working in education knows, there’s always one resource you can never have enough of: time. Just ask Seth Hemken, Director of Technology for Redding School District in Northern California. After 18 years in education, Seth knows that robust technology management is key when implementing 1:1 rollouts across a district. “With GoGuardian, teachers have more time to focus on students instead of wrangling with their devices... classroom time is invaluable, and we can’t afford to waste it.”

Seth’s district has been a GoGuardian customer since 2014, and is using the suite to provide web filtering, classroom management, and other digital learning tools to 3,228 students and 133 educators as part of their ongoing 1:1 strategy. With so many students and devices in the program, Seth depends on GoGuardian’s customer support to help ensure everything is operational, and that their students and faculty are getting the most out of their technology investment.

“We’ve all had the terrible experience of working with a new platform or device, and being slowed down by a lack of responsiveness when help is needed. With GoGuardian’s customer support, my experience has been quite the opposite—it’s faster and more efficient than anything I’ve experienced. Problem-solving and troubleshooting is rapid and personal, enabling our IT team to be of maximum service to the needs of our schools, teachers, and students. And that, to me, is what it’s all about: more time teaching, less time managing devices.”

“ If you are choosing a product that doesn’t have a strong support team behind it, you’re leaving yourself wide open.”

Seth Hemken
Director of Technology
Redding School District
THE CHALLENGE
Redding School District had just launched Chromebooks when they were faced with a big challenge: Redding needed a simple way to simultaneously support teachers, provide classroom management, and ensure the safety of their students.

THE PLAN
“When we decided to go 1:1, we knew these devices were going to leave our campus. But we didn’t know how exactly we were going to filter them outside of our network,” said Seth. He soon discovered GoGuardian Admin™, which enabled his team to filter by OU—on- and off-campus—set up triggered actions, and even granularly filter YouTube videos, comments, and channels.

Now Seth and his team could individualize privacy settings down to the classroom and student levels, while whitelisting appropriate sites and platforms. The software also gave Seth and other administrators visibility into what their students were doing with their Chromebooks.

THE IMPACT
With its easy-to-deploy software suite, GoGuardian provided Redding SD the classroom management and off-campus filtering they needed, plus the customer support necessary to seamlessly roll it out. With the improved visibility across Chromebooks, school leaders could better personalize policies, encourage digital citizenship, and help students in dire need. Thanks to GoGuardian, Redding teachers have attested that they feel like they now have a “security blanket” inside and outside the classroom.

Put simply by one teacher, “Without GoGuardian, we would not feel comfortable using Chromebooks.”

Teachers also gained improved accessibility to their students and were able to stay better connected. With GoGuardian technology, they were able to monitor their class when they were out sick or in a professional training, gaining back valuable class time and staying connected with their students.

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