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K-12 Success Stories

Wichita Falls Independent School District WICHITA · TEXAS

# OF SCHOOLS	28
GRADE LEVELS	Kindergarten–12TH
ENROLLMENT	14,200
CHROMEBOOKS	1,350+
PRODUCTS	Admin, Teacher, Director

Wichita Falls Independent School District's Technology Goals:

The goal is to provide reliable, affordable, and secure access to information and technology for the students, staff, and parents of WFISD.

GoGuardian Admin & Teacher: "The Complete Package"

Content Filtering and Classroom Management Made Simple

Wichita Independent School District needed a software solution that would meet the comprehensive needs of its 28 schools ranging from elementary to high school. However, each grade had its own set of challenges and needs when it came to classroom management. When the district's admins did a demo of GoGuardian, they found a software solution that solved their problems in one simple, effective and foolproof form.

> "GoGuardian for us was the complete package. We had a demo of it and we gave it to our teachers, and they fell in love with it within minutes. The teachers said, 'Whatever you do, don't take away GoGuardian and, by the way, take away those iPads the other teachers have - and give them Chromebooks and GoGuardian!"
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> **Shad McGaha**
> CTO
> Wichita Falls ISD

As Shad McGaha, Chief Technology Officer for Wichita ISD, put it, "GoGuardian, for us, was the complete package." With its wide variety of features, from granular filtering to Smart Alerts, admins were able to solve a myriad of challenges for Wichita ISD in one fell swoop. McGaha shares an example, "On the admin side, we couldn't send Chromebooks home with the sixth graders without having the ability to track if they were lost or stolen. GoGuardian's Theft Recovery feature did just that." What's more is: the school district received all the support they needed on the backside. Says McGaha, "The GoGuardian support team is always asking, 'What can we do to make things better?'"

Success in Wichita has left admins and teachers wanting to share their story. "With GoGuardian, we have a small pocket of greatness, but we want it to catch on. We want it to spread, and we want people to come visit us and know about the great things happening here," McGaha adds.

THE CHALLENGE

For Wichita ISD's Information Technology department, the biggest challenge was classroom management. Admins wanted to ensure the software could keep students on task and away from inappropriate content, as well as be easy-to-use for the teachers. "If it's hard to use, no one's going to use it," explains McGaha. The school district also needed to be able to send Chromebooks home with the students, but had no way to track devices, or manage online content, outside of the classroom.

THE PLAN

The Information Technology department looked at several tools for content filtering and classroom management, but quickly discovered the only software that did it all was GoGuardian. "With the others, you had to buy more than one product." They agreed to demo the GoGuardian suite across their Chromebooks. Teachers fell in love with it immediately.

THE IMPACT

With GoGuardian, IT admins were able to granularly filter Chromebooks and manage devices remotely. They were even able to hunt down Chromebooks that had been previously lost. McGaha shares, "We had one poor kid that lost two Chromebooks in a week. With GoGuardian's Theft Recovery feature, we were able to verify it was in his gym locker. One of my network guys uses the Theft Recovery feature every day, and he loves it," says McGaha. Teachers also loved the Chat feature, which gave them the ability to help kids remotely, even when they were out sick or at a teacher training. GoGuardian soon became an essential in Wichita ISD. Explains McGaha, "When the demo was up, the teachers almost revolted. They said, 'Whatever you do, don't take away GoGuardian!'"

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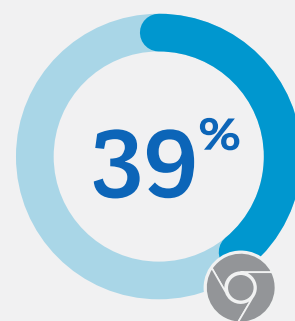>
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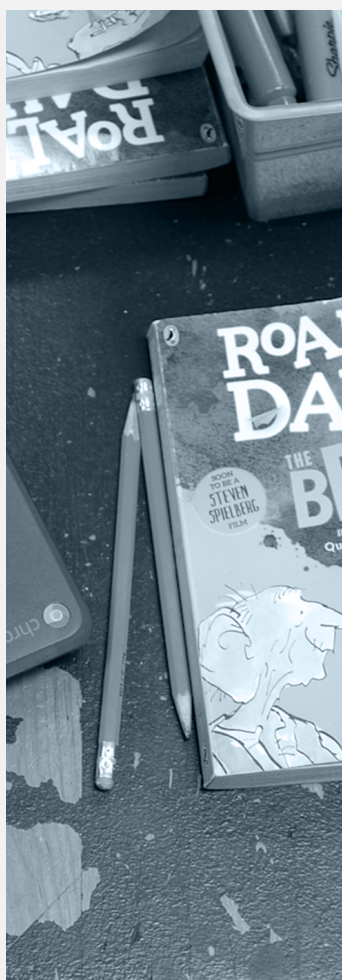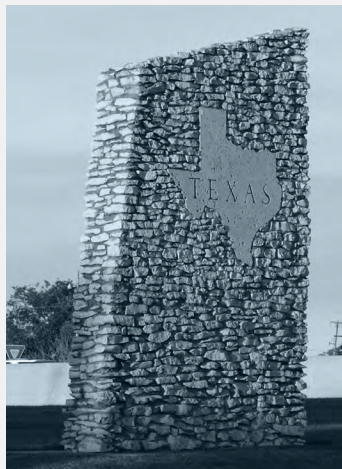
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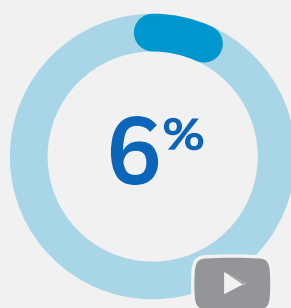
Time spent on YouTube

39%

Time spend on G-Suite

*Data is based on the 2017–18 school year as of 10/24/2017.

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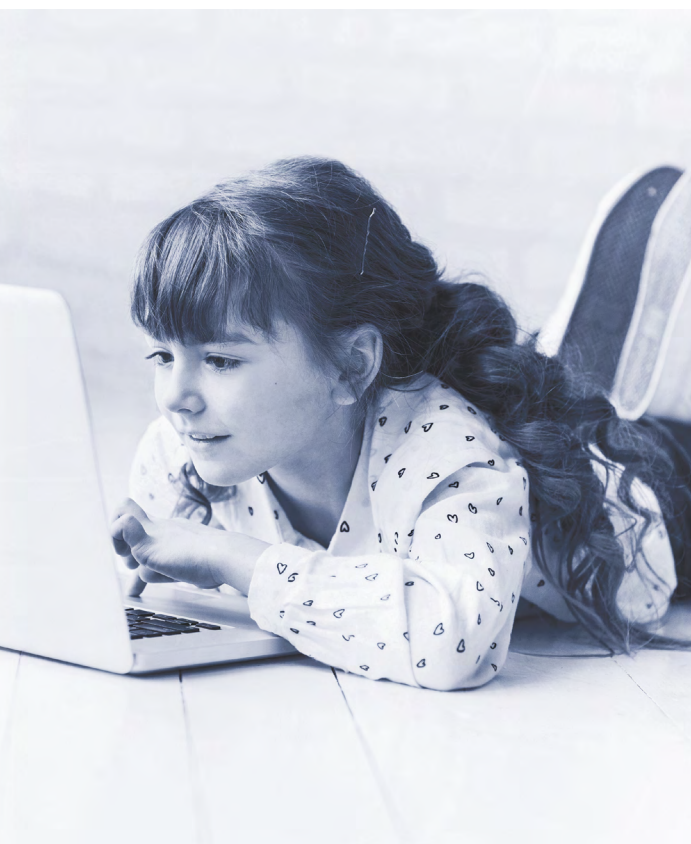
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Smart technology needs smart management.

As more schools implement technology programs—either through 1:1 initiatives or shared carts—the need for powerful, easy-to-use device management tools is greater than ever. From device assignment and repair tracking to web filtering and classroom management, many districts often end up using a patchwork of tools and apps to accomplish their strategic technology goals.

With a full suite of position-tailored products designed and built just for Chromebooks, GoGuardian makes it easy for school districts to manage large or small device deployments, keep their students safer online, and gain valuable insights into how their technology programs are working.

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Based in Los Angeles, GoGuardian is a leader in Chromebook management solutions for K-12 school districts. GoGuardian products are used by 44,000+ educators in all fifty states, impacting millions of students and teachers every day as they use the Internet for collaboration and learning.

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