Leveraging Single Sign-On to Eliminate Barriers to Access at Pasco County Schools

How the district took advantage of a comprehensive single sign-on solution to reduce the time spent logging in, troubleshooting resource access, and rostering students.

At a glance: Students: 80,393 Teachers: 5,167 Total Staff: 12,212

Challenge

With the rapid advance of digital learning resources comes the rising need for easy, fast, and equitable access for all students, no matter the resource and no matter the device. The need for secure, equitable access to digital learning has evolved from a thankless task for tech teams to a strategic imperative for education leaders. With that said, strategic planning requires strategic insight, necessitating a strong analytical view of how, when, and what students are accessing.

Solution

ClassLink's single sign-on portal at Pasco County Schools, branded myPascoConnect, is a major step forward in how Pasco County Schools deploy, use, and analyze digital learning resources in our district. Based on feedback from our teachers and students, the ClassLink single sign-on and rostering functionalities have become fibrous at Pasco, meaning they are woven into the everyday activities of our teachers and students.

ClassLink - a comprehensive single sign-on and rostering solution that leverages:

- A robust and customizable dashboard
- A firm commitment to open data standards via IMS Global certification
- Myriad authentication technologies (SAML, oAuth, LTI, ADFS etc...)
- Library of over 6,000 single sign-on apps to providers' platforms
- Analytics reports showing real-time usage by building, grade level, classroom, and individual

The analytics insights generated in the ClassLink platform allow our district leaders to see how often the resources we've invested in are used and by whom. This data helps to not only inform decisions about future investments but also shine a light on how we can better support teachers through professional development.

Learning Impact Outcomes

Pasco County Schools' myPascoConnect offers differentiated LaunchPads which assists in clarifying who should have access to specific resources. The differentiated LaunchPads have provided our students with access to all of the appropriate resources that correlate with their courses. No matter where our users are or what device they are using, they have simple, stress-free access to all of their resources. Our single sign-on solution levels the playing field for all students to have access to their resources even if the resources are not being utilized in the classroom on a daily basis.

Return on Instruction

- Anytime, Anywhere Access Students and Teachers have 24/7/365 access to district resources from any type of device.
- Expanded Access to Resources District-approved digital resources are freely available to the users that need them. Both students and teachers can easily locate, access, and search for the appropriate resources.

Increased Productivity

The implementation of myPascoConnect enables learners and instructors to achieve maximum productivity in the classroom and at home with minimum wasted effort.

