Empowering creative learning with technology

Technology made its way to Sreenidhi International School and revamped learning for both students and teachers. Google Workspace for Education introduced a more organized approach into the classroom, resulting in a more collaborative and creative schooling experience.

Challenge

The school was used to traditional methods of teaching with the faculty manually checking assignments. As a result, keeping a track of submissions and student progress was a difficult task with lack of opportunity for feedback, planning and student engagement.

Solution

In 2014, Google Classroom and Chromebooks were introduced at Sreenidhi School for students of grades 9 and 10. The pilot was hugely successful, resulting in a 70% increase in student engagements within the first year itself.

Before Google, I spent one and a half year teaching in a 1:1 environment with journals, books & textbooks. I’ve always wanted to experiment with different tools to find out what works best for students, but there weren’t enough innovative strategies that I could implement.

- Syeda Kahkashan Qadeer, PYP Homeroom Teacher

Tools like Google Classroom made organising assignments and assessments easier, enabling greater convenience for teachers. In 2015, Sreenidhi School ramped up usage of Chromebooks across all classes, resulting in an improvement in critical thinking with 90% of the students improving their research skills. Teachers found innovative ways to deliver lessons using tools like Google Forms and Polls, renewing the spark of learning.
Key Takeaways

Google Workspace for Education made learning simple and seamless. Tools like Google Classroom helped teachers plan lessons effectively, share learning resources, grade, and keep a track of assignments without any hassle. Task submission rates at Sreenidhi School increased to 95% as a result of improved transparency with Google tools.

Benefits of solution

- **Student centred learning**: Google Workspace for Education has resulted in an increase in classroom engagement with students using Google tools to communicate with their peers, share information and resources and tutor one another.

- **Enriched assessments**: Tools like Google Docs, Google Slides, Google Forms and Polls made assessments interactive and fun, enhancing classroom engagement. Teachers can modify their practices and plan lessons with the help of student data to identify strengths and weaknesses.

- **Personalised attention**: With Google Classroom, teachers can pay attention to every student by monitoring their progress, keeping a track of submissions, providing feedback and sending personalised reminders for projects.

Summary of benefits in practice

Google Workspace for Education empowered Sreenidhi School with innovative learning. The student community grew into active and self-regulated learners, driving discussions, leading debates and exploring concepts beyond textbooks under the guidance of teachers. With Google Classroom, the faculty was able to manage workflow with ease, conduct interactive assessments and have a stronger connection with their students. The integration of technology made learning wholesome resulting in an enriching classroom experience for both teachers and students.

As an Educator, I can track the progress, assign work, differentiate the learners addressing the needs and giving opportunity to become self-regulated learners.

- Ms Mounika Murarisetti, Teacher and Google educator
Blending creativity and academic excellence through technology

What started as a trial, to see if it would work out well for teachers and students, resulted in becoming an irreplaceable method of teaching and learning at Sreenidhi International School. The use of Chromebooks along with Google Workspace for Education tools led the school to be ranked as the best in use of technology within the city.

Students seamlessly moved from books to Chromebooks, exploring various topics from their curriculum by harnessing the power of the internet. The adoption of Google Workspace for Education has seen an ever-increasing graph since 2014, transforming the academic experience for students and teachers alike. Google Classroom has become a central point for lessons, tasks, and assessments thereby leading to a better overall learning experience.

The school has also adopted Google Education Enterprise allowing teachers and students to attain more from Google apps, enhancing their learning experience with a touch of fun.

“Technology is an enabler, adoption of chromebooks, Google apps and teacher training have been the key reasons for success. The shift in mindset is important, there will be barriers in the path, but everything will get resolved eventually. One needs to stay focused.

- Rachna Gandhi, Head of IT Sreenidhi International School, Hyderabad

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