



A Powerful Tool for Today and the Future

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Once Upon a Time.....in 2008

MCPS needed to reduce the total cost of ownership for email.

- Server Management
- Exchange licensing
- Spam Management
- Downtime



At the same time, we were up for renewal of Microsoft Office licensing. Our goals were to:

- Provide a more collaborative environment
- Follow the trends of Secondary Education
- Look towards the future of open standards
- Streamline office productivity
- Develop 21st Century Learning in the classroom

Lets Talk Cash



Mecklenburg County is saving **\$200,000** using these initiatives, and streamlining processes due to the collaborative nature of Google Docs, and the shift of services moving to the web.

Lets Talk Responsibility

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Where We are now.....



Using a second domain, we've set up a second Google Apps for education account for our students

We have not allowed the students access to email or chat, but the students have access to Google Docs, Sites and Calendars. .

We have projects with other schools and within our schools using Google in the classroom.

STUDENTS benefit from collaboration and experimentation.



Why Use Google Docs?

- *No hardware/software to purchase or download*
- *Creates a learning community free of charge*
- *Changes and edits are seen by everyone immediately*
- *Available to anyone, anywhere, anytime*
- *SECURE and it automatically SAVES*
- *All needed is the internet and a web browser*
- *Will help put your school like MCPS on the cutting edge of online communication and collaboration with 21st Century Skills!*

Where do we go from here?



Locally:

- Continue to streamline processes and information gathering via Google Apps
- Increase creativity through collaboration via Google Apps. Look for new and innovative collaborative environments to encourage students to learn.
- Involve the community in learning technology

Globally:

- Continue to promote open standards in the educational environment.
- Collaborate and encourage open information within the state to better serve the needs of the greater community.
- Share experiences with others, and move towards a better learning environment for the youth of Virginia.

Collaborate and Share Resources www.vaopenclassroom.org

Virginia Open Classroom Project

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Take a look at the options and ideas from Google Apps for educators!

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The Faces of a Few Google Users

Why we need Google!!





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MCPS Is Moving In The Right Direction with Google!!

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