

Our First Year With Schoology



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Needs Assessment

- Students needed access to homework resources from outside of school 24x7
- Parents wanted to know what was going on in class
- Teachers wanted to receive assignments and communication from students electronically
- Needed an LMS in place for possible future 1-to-1 initiative or at least to continue current BYOD
- Angel LMS going away

Evaluation

- Moodle
 - Free, if hosted by school; no support; no guarantee of new features or fixes
- Edmodo
 - Good features; lacking enterprise features (PowerSchool)
- Google Classroom
- Schoology

Why Schoology?

- **PowerSchool bi-directional sync**
 - Import: Students, Teachers, Courses, Sections
 - Sync export: Grades back into PowerTeacher
- **Mobility**
 - iOS & Android apps for teachers and students
- **Apps integration**
 - Remind101
 - Khan Academy
 - Google Drive, Dropbox

How much?

- \$5,000 for up to 500 students
 - \$10/student thereafter
- \$1,000 for initial startup and training
- Possible discounts for ESU groups or consortiums
- Hopefully a statewide-buy soon

How it is working...

- Slow going for some staff members
- Great for some teachers & classes
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Mrs. Bargen - Math

Ms. Hottovy - Language Arts

- English 9 and 12 students submit weekly journals via discussion post
- Advanced English students respond to reading assignments, videos, images
- Groups created for Student Council and Friends to Rachel to publicize meeting notes
- Lesson plans posted each week
- Access Remind from Schoology

Mrs. Pankoke - Computers & Info Tech

Moving on...

- Additional Training (Formal & Informal)
 - Need to keep moving our reluctant users forward
- Work Time
- Expanded Uses
 - Challenging ourselves to find new ways to utilize
 - In Subject Area
 - In School Activities/Clubs
 - Text Alerts

Questions & Comments

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