

Google for Education tools can foster collaboration and benefit learning on campus. Rowan–Cabarrus Community College in North Carolina has undertaken an ambitious technology strategy across the institution to simplify the student experience, to increase access to technology for students regardless of socioeconomic status, and to enable access to multiple tools that students will use later in the workforce. These apps include Gmail as your email service provider and things like Google Docs, Spreadsheets and Presentations for content creation. Device and content management are equally important to keep the total cost of ownership low and to allow IT teams to efficiently and effectively manage all the different elements, from network to applications to devices. In this web seminar, the CIO of Rowan–Cabarrus shared how this strategy has simplified staff development, created a paperless culture and enabled new levels of student collaboration. One in five devices shipped to U.S. students this year was a Chromebook built to access the Google platform, and over 70 of the top 100 universities in the U.S. have gone Google, including seven of the eight Ivy Leagues. Going Google in education is about four things: 1) Empowerment: being able to discover a world of infinite resources and change the role of the teacher from simply disseminating information to coaching and supporting students as they explore the information accessible to them to solve real–world problems. It's about adopting a culture that extends beyond the classroom walls, sparks the curiosity of professors and students and fosters collaboration. We want professors and students to use the right device, whether it's a laptop, tablet, phone or desktop, regardless of platform and manufacturer, in school, at home or on–the–go. Collaboration fosters teamwork, problem–solving and organization—key skills for the modern world.