Digital Learning Powered by Mobility

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The Dilemma



The Need: "Students are not being prepared to be competitive in a rapidly changing world, and schools are not changing fast enough to keep up."

Budget: "Schools have been riding a funding roller coaster for most of the last decade and can't expect major new funding sources anytime soon."





Teaching: "Many students do not have access to the best teachers, the best teaching strategies, and enriching learning experiences."

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Turning to Technology

Computing Devices:

"continuous access to a computing device leads to increased academic achievement"



Technology-based instruction:

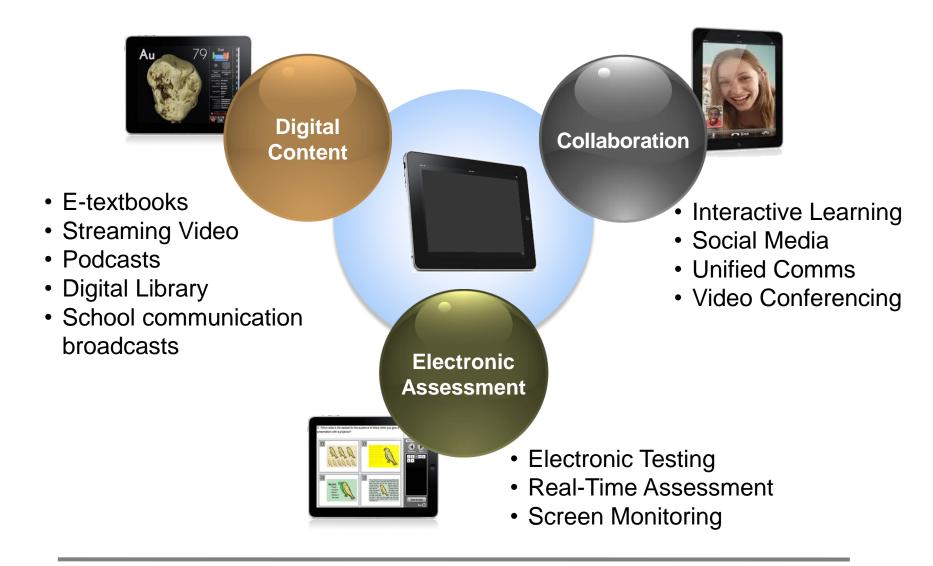
"can reduce the time students take to learn by 30 to 80 percent"





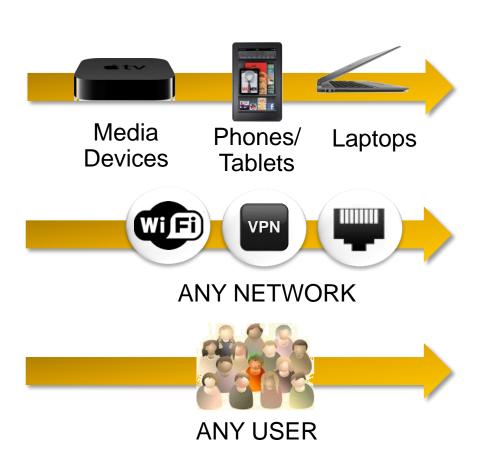


New Devices Bring New Applications





The Resulting Challenge





How do I keep student data protected?



How do I provide a good experience to students, teachers, staff & guests?



How do I minimize impact to my IT and helpdesk staff?



Digital Learning at Eanes ISD



Eanes ISD Introduction

- Serves 7,700 students at six elementary, two middle and one high school
- 7 of the 9 campuses have been recognized as U.S. Blue Ribbon Schools
- 99.6% of high school students apply for college
- West Lake High School was ranked #72 in Newsweek magazine "Top Public Schools"

Why iPad for each student?

- Focus on personalized and engaged learning
 - EBC at Apple HQ was key
 - It was clear that every student needed an iPad
- Lots of mobile apps used by students
 - Fuels critical thinking, creativity, collaboration
- Each student has a different learning style
 - iPad helps maximize student learning potential
- LEAP!

Special-ed students were among the first to use iPads.
Children who struggled to communicate verbally now have a voice.

WLAN Requirements

- Cost-effectively upgrade the WLAN
- Ensure secure connectivity for all iPads
- Offer pervasive Wi-Fi coverage at all schools
- Guarantee connectivity to high density of iPads

There were a lot of questions from people who had first-hand experience with wireless crashing under significant loads.

iPad Rollout

- Started with 2,000 iPads for juniors, seniors and staff at Westlake High School
 - Day 1 launch: First real test was live
 - Decided to expand to other high school students
 - Looking to expand the program to other grade levels
- Was a smart & courageous move under tough economic conditions

The culture and attitude toward learning changed at the high school from day one.

Best Practices for Deploying iPads

- Understand why you are doing it
 - Pick the device, be aware of strengths & weaknesses
- Figure out what you need to do
 - Not how you "lock down" the devices
- Personalization should not lead to ownership
 - Important to draw the line for students

Rather support 2,000 iPads than 500 laptops because the investment goes much farther.

Best Practices for Deploying iPads

- Give iPads to teachers first for weeks/months
 - Chance for them to learn before they have to teach with it
- How do you deploy apps to make them useful?
 - Eanes ISD uses JAMF Casper for MDM
- Figure out how to track lost/broken devices
 - Laser engrave all iPads to reduce loss
 - Implement insurance policy for students
- Allow for shipping delays
 - Depends on the quantity of the order

Aruba WLAN Deployment

- 1st chapter
 - WLAN coverage
 - Leap of faith
- 2nd chapter
 - Scale
 - Skeptics
- 3rd chapter : In Progress
 - AirPlay with Apple TV
 - Desktop and iPad mirroring to projectors

\$1M savings in wired networking as the primary access method becomes the iPad.

Community

- Campus-based dialogues with parents
- Level-based guidelines (Elem, MS, HS)
- Staff training

Professional Learning

- iPad Immersion (8 sessions)
- iPadpalooza (June 19th)
- Eanes Apple Academy (3-day workshop)
- Appy Hours
- Late Start days

Getting Your Wi-Fi Ready for Mobile Apps



Challenges of Mobile Apps on WLANs



School apps

- Secured access
- IT supported



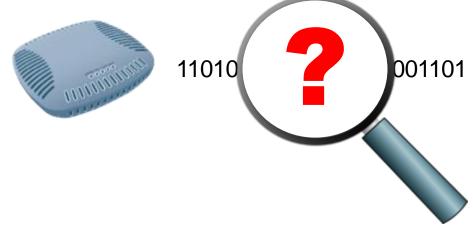
Built-in apps

- No SSO control
- Plug-n-Play



Personal apps

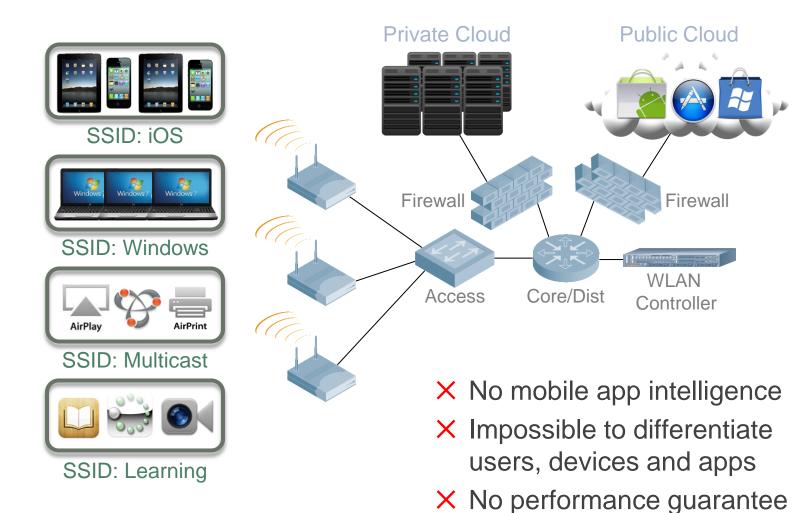
Under MDM policy



- QoS policy differs based on end user expectation
- Not all applications use WMM, requiring an app-aware Wi-Fi
- Bandwidth usage per app depends on device type/OS

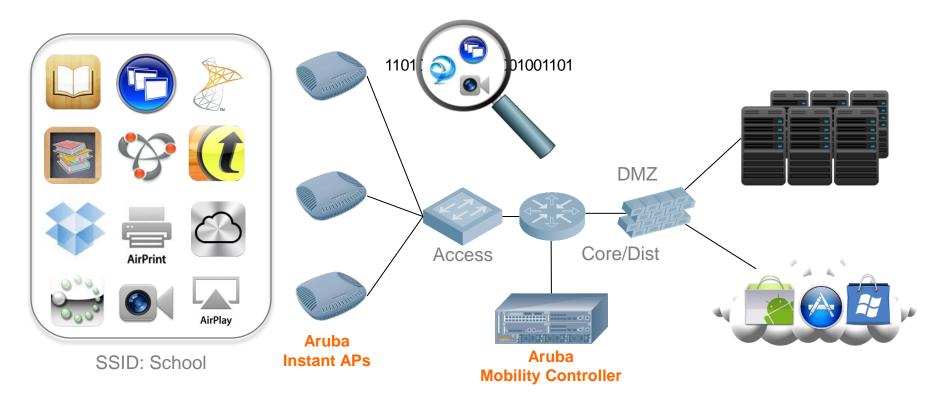


Traditional Wi-Fi Design for Mobile Apps





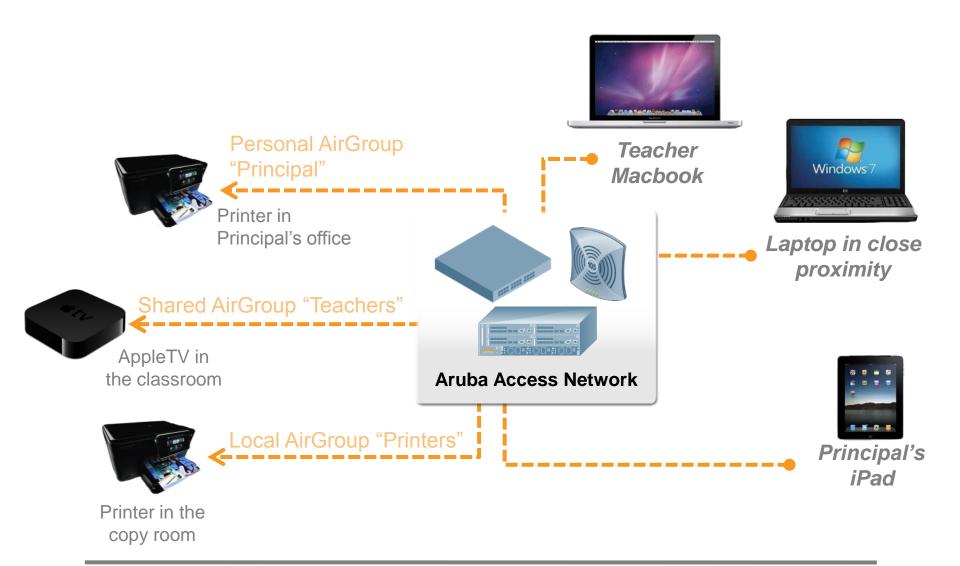
Mobile Apps on Aruba Wi-Fi



- ✓ Single SSID Wi-Fi network
- ✓ QoS management per app
- ✓ Optimized Wi-Fi per app



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