



Teach, Learn, and Work Your Way with Unified Workspaces



Improving learning outcomes and success in today's global economy means engaging students in unconventional ways. A recent survey revealed that nearly half of college students and young professionals would rather accept a lower-paying job with IT device flexibility, social media access, and mobility than a restrictive, higher-paying job.

For the next-generation workforce, money is no longer the main motivator. They also want access to familiar technology that keeps them connected to people, information, and the world.

Superintendents, principals, and CIOs are working to reconcile the competing challenges of this new reality, as they struggle with:

- Improving student outcomes by opening the network to transform teaching and learning, while lowering IT cost and complexity
- Offering more choices and convenience, while protecting the school's intellectual property
- Empowering students, faculty, and staff to work their preferred way, without compromising an institution's operations and processes

"We needed to find a better way of connecting with our students. They're way ahead of us, in terms of their use of technology. We knew that in order to be successful we'd have to be responsive, we'd have to make sure that things work...."

—Alton Frailey, Superintendent, Katy Independent School District

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http://www.cisco.com/web/strategy/docs/gov/ciscoedukatysdc_cs.pdf

Cisco Unified Workspaces: Mobile, Highly Secure, and Experience-Based

Consider the everyday tools your students, teachers, and staff use: learning applications, video, voice, email, the Internet, desktop collaboration programs, and more. These productivity boosters define today's academic workspace, yet they are usually not in one place. They reside on a mix of computer lab desktops, classroom tablets, faculty laptops, and personal devices.

However, with Cisco® Unified Workspaces, the vital tools for efficient, productive teaching and learning can now move with your users. In this cohesive environment, students, faculty, and staff experience the flexibility of using any device to access any information, any application, and any expertise—from anywhere. They can truly work their way.

The Unified Workspace is a strategy for delivering Cisco Smart Solutions within your district, helping you transform teaching and learning.

Smart Solution: Cisco Bring Your Own Device

Cisco Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) solutions help enable anytime, anywhere, any-device usage, while facilitating change in IT control and management to balance the needs of both users and IT. Cisco BYOD spans the diverse requirements of all users; from an administrator's need to access school databases from their smartphone to a parent's ability to check email while volunteering on campus. In addition, BYOD helps address priorities such as:

- Implementing a unified policy for devices to securely access data, applications, and systems across the entire district
- Providing an uncompromised experience with leading collaboration tools for students, faculty, and staff
- Simplifying operations for the IT department, so they can focus on innovation, not intervention

Smart Solution: Cisco Virtualization Experience Infrastructure

The Cisco Virtualization Experience Infrastructure (VXI) Solution provides virtual desktops, voice, video, and applications within a unified environment that makes the next generation of collaborative education possible. With VXI solutions, you can:

- Deliver greater access to specialized applications from physical labs to any device
- Create flexible work environments that securely allow for multiple users per device
- Provide consistent experiences for on- and off-campus students
- Provision new users with a virtual desktop, instead of a physical device

As part of the Cisco Unified Workspace framework, BYOD and VXI Smart Solutions can positively influence the academic environment, improving student outcomes and reducing overhead. This, in turn, reallocates scarce resources to teaching and learning, and ultimately improves college and workforce readiness.



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