



## Overview

### INDUSTRY

Education, PreK-12

### PROFILE

Cañon City School District is based in Canon City, Colorado and serves more than 3,800 students and 200 staff over 8 campuses. The McKinley Elementary campus serves 180 students and 23 teachers.

### CHALLENGE

Cañon City School District planned a 1:1 device rollout at McKinley Elementary and recognized that students and teachers were wasting class time just getting logged in. The goal was to eliminate the need to enter multiple user names and passwords and provide a central location for accessing digital resources.

### SOLUTION

In August 2018 after learning about ClassLink at a conference, district leaders knew they needed ClassLink. They scheduled a pilot at McKinley Elementary to solve the time-consuming and frustrating task of logging in to each resource. "It streamlines everything and makes it so simple, even a kindergartener can do it!"



### PROJECT LEAD

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## Supporting 1:1 With Single Sign-On

### Challenge

At McKinley Elementary, students were overwhelmed and frustrated by the login process for the 9+ programs they needed to access every day for math and literacy. The process of getting kindergarteners logged in to resources was daunting for teachers as it wasted instructional time. To enhance learning and engagement in the classroom, teachers were locating online resources to use but had no central place to store them. With a 1:1 initiative scheduled for McKinley, Canon City School District recognized the need to prioritize easier access and get it done swiftly.

### Solution

In August 2018 after learning about ClassLink at a conference, district leaders knew they needed ClassLink, and recognized a good fit for their 1:1 device rollout at McKinley Elementary school. A pilot was arranged to solve the time-consuming and frustrating task of logging in to each resource. McKinley's Principal Scott Morton and other IT staff were trained to use ClassLink before they coordinated a larger staff training day. Teachers were receptive and relieved to learn that the new solution would actually improve their classroom experiences. By becoming a daily ClassLink user himself, Principal Morton is better able to provide further training and optimization recommendations to his staff.

### Outcome

Adapting to a new, simplified way to access resources did not take long for students and teachers at McKinley Elementary. With the login barriers removed from the classroom, teachers report being able to take a deep breath and focus on instruction. To gain access, the primary grade students use ClassLink QuickCards which uses a scannable QR code. Teachers have been relieved of their duties of entering usernames and passwords on behalf of their students because the kids now know how to get in by themselves. From there, one click access to their learning programs means more time spent on learning, and less time wasted on logging in.

**"In order to help improve instruction in the classroom and speed up the use of technology, you've got to get ClassLink."**

Scott Morton, Principal, McKinley Elementary School