

ManagedMethods & Bremerton Schools

District Protects Student and Staff Google Data and Email with ManagedMethods



This suburban Seattle public school district's IT team supports the needs of over 5,000 students and 800 staff members.

The Challenge

Bremerton schools, like many school districts, uses Google G Suite for everything from group projects and presentations to email and lesson planning. Leveraging the power of this cloud application allows students and staff to easily collaborate and share data. However, Bremerton's IT team quickly realized that along with these obvious benefits came serious security and compliance challenges.

Compliance requirements mandated that the district must have systems in place to monitor for sensitive data such as FERPA, CIPA,

COPPA, and ensure that data is not being stored or shared in a way that violates policies. In addition, the rise of 3rd-party connected applications was presenting a threat to school data due to potential phishing attacks or unauthorized access. The district also needed to monitor for policy violations and scan documents for objectionable content, language and inappropriate images. When student safety is at risk, time is critical, so the IT team needed to be alerted to potential policy violations, as well deviations from normal data access and sharing behaviors.

The addition of ManagedMethods to our IT infrastructure allows me and my team to feel confident about protecting our students and staff when using Google G Suite. The dashboard and alerts provide me real-time info so that I can take immediate action to thwart any threats.

Steve Bartlett, Technology Director

The Solution

Bremerton School District chose ManagedMethods' Cloud Access Security Broker (CASB) solution to protect its Google G Suite data because it deployed in minutes, didn't require any special training, had no impact on users, and most importantly, it was an affordable solution that secured the entire district.

ManagedMethods offers both out-of-the-box and customizable policy monitoring features to cover the district's compliance requirements to protect students against cyberbullying and exposure to inappropriate content. ManagedMethods also detects and alerts risks, quarantines sensitive information and remediates threats before they impact student safety or compromise identity.



Benefits

ManagedMethods provides:

- Complete cloud app visibility without agents, proxies, or gateways
- Comprehensive cloud-email security for Gmail and Office 365 Mail
- Discovery and control of 3rd party apps that connect to Google or Office 365
- Detection and prevention of malware, phishing emails, and other outsider threats
- Policy Enforcement to meet student data privacy compliance requirements (FERPA, COPPA, CIPA, etc)
- Affordable pricing for districts of all sizes

About ManagedMethods

ManagedMethods provides an powerful and efficient cloud application security platform for schools. Our award-winning platform provides visibility into the data that students and staff access and share in popular cloud email and file sharing apps, including Google G Suite and Microsoft Office 365. ManagedMethods is the industry's only Cloud Access Security Broker (CASB) solution that is deployed in minutes with no proxy or hardware, and with no impact on users or networks, at an affordable price for your entire district.

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