

# Pleasantdale School District 107

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As our C<sup>4</sup> (Communication, Collaboration, Critical Thinking, and Creativity) Learning Plan evolves, we seek to ensure that our students, teachers, and families have the tools they need to be successful.

This year, a group of teachers, administrators, and staff have been investigating learning management systems (LMS). A learning management system is a software application that allows teachers, students, and parents to present and access classroom materials, calendars, and grades in a “one stop shop” manner. This year our Google Apps for Education pilot teachers have been using Google Classroom as the learning management system. This program has provided our teachers with important exposure to the basic functions of an LMS.

However, Google Classroom does not provide our students and staff with the features of some of its competitors. Realizing this, our pilot teachers, along with members of our Technology Advisory Team, investigated two very robust LMS programs (Canvas and Schoology). After a careful review, this group has recommended Schoology to be the LMS that is used by students, staff, and parents in our schools. Among its many uses and benefits, Schoology is a central location for students to access and submit assignments, discuss ideas with their peers and teachers, and manage their homework calendars.

As an industry leader, Schoology will provide technical support to our teachers as well as our IT staff, and it will provide 24/7 phone and chat support to our students and parents. Additionally, professional development is part of our agreement with Schoology. We will follow a train-the-trainers model and will develop in-house experts that can work with our entire staff to fully utilize this tool in every classroom. The cost of Schoology is \$15,125 for the implementation year (see table for detail). This cost includes a \$10.00 per student fee which, in future years, will be applied to our district technology fee.

Table 1: Breakdown of Schoology Costs

Description	Cost	Notes
Per student cost	\$8000.00	\$10 per student (preschool excluded)
Implementation fee	\$1875.00	One time fee

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Service Package	\$3000.00	Provides phone/chat support to parents and IT support.
Onsite Professional Development	\$2250.00	One time fee

## Main Takeaways:

- Fourth and Fifth grade teachers have piloted the use of a Learning Management System (Google Classroom).
- Based on the pilot, we need a more robust tool for our staff and students.
- A committee of teachers and staff recommended using Schoology for our Learning Management System.

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