

Schoology Learning, PowerSchool

Category: Best Remote Learning Partner K-12/High Education

Following the dramatic overnight shift to distance learning this past Spring due to the outbreak of COVID-19, PowerSchool immediately pivoted to help customers, districts and educators keep the learning going, whether in the classroom, at home, or both.

We quickly launched a new [prepare webpage](#) with resources to help districts continue operations remotely and developed a free [Distance Learning Readiness Kit](#). To enable hundreds of schools to move to distance learning over spring break, we reduced implementation of Schoology Learning, PowerSchool's learning management system, from 90 days to just 4 days, and offered existing Schoology Learning and PowerSchool SIS customers free expanded use through the end of the year with expedited implementation.

With the move to hybrid learning, we saw significant growth in usage and new demand across all our products to support flexibility that every district, teacher, and student required. Schoology Learning saw over 1 trillion student interactions in the Spring - a 400% increase over any time in its 10-year history. Usage continued to rise once school came back in session in the fall where Schoology Learning saw 2 trillion interactions, or double the engagement, among the same set of users from spring.

In preparation to support this growth, PowerSchool spent the spring and summer investing heavily in Schoology Learning to serve more users. We increased the size of our product, engineering, service, and support teams to ensure help was there when needed.

Schoology Learning offers a scalable district-wide solution that tracks student mastery of learning objectives aligned to curriculum, promotes staff collaboration through configurable groups, allows for organization-wide communication to the home, and ensures highly customizable user roles and permissions. Whether fully remote or hybrid, Schoology Learning offers streamlined communication and collaboration, where users can work together, share resources, and engage in discussions outside of "scheduled" courses.

Schoology Learning provided all the tools teachers and districts needed to continue to design lessons, assess student understanding, and deliver interactive learning experiences, while responding to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Schoology Learning specifically supports remote and hybrid learning with:

- **Enhanced Communication and Collaboration:** Use Schoology Conferences, Announcements, Messages, Discussions, Zoom, and/or Microsoft Teams for continuing asynchronous and synchronous communication with students online.
- **Enriched Learning Experiences:** Create engaging learning materials and assignments incorporating media, videos, and more. Align to learning objectives to track student progress towards mastery of key objectives and outcomes.
- **Full Visibility into Learning Patterns:** Track student usage through robust reports and analytics, which provides teachers and administrators with information regarding logins, time spent on materials, and more.

- **Integration with Existing Tools:** Integrate with Google, Microsoft, and others to access previously created materials and collaborate virtually on documents.
- **Connect the Teacher with the Home:** Provide parents with full visibility into the child's learning through the Parent Portal. The portal also provides the parent the ability to message with teachers.
- **Virtual Office Hours:** Hold virtual office hours to keep students learning and engaged in the educational process. Give parents an outlet to ask questions as they work to support learning initiatives in the home.
- **Meet Students Where They Are:** Provide solutions for the creation of self-paced learning paths for students to complete at their own pace.

Linked Resources

1. [PowerSchool COVID-19 Resources Page](#)
2. [Distance Learning Readiness Kit](#)
3. [Blended Learning With Schoology Demo](#)
4. [Schoology Tips: How One Music Teacher Is Keeping Learning Going](#)