



Helping Pflugerville ISD Ask the Right Questions

Catapult provides technology planning and implementation knowledge

The technology group at Pflugerville Independent School District provides computing services to administration personnel, teachers and students spanning 24 buildings in the district.

These services include local and wide area networking; email and messaging; Internet; file storage and printing; desktop and server management; and interoperability of industry standard applications. The existing infrastructure in place to deliver these services was the result of many past networking technologies and cabling deployments of various ages and bandwidth.

Pflugerville ISD was hard-pressed to meet the daily operational needs of its technology user groups. There was a lack of standards due to deployments over time. There was not adequate security for email and Internet access. The amount of human resources needed to maintain the legacy systems across the district was beyond reasonable limits and interfered with other responsibilities.

How Catapult Systems Helped

To accommodate its rapid growth, Pflugerville ISD needed to completely replace its existing infrastructure platform with a robust turn-key solution that would improve the technology group's ability to provide reliable, scalable and easily maintainable computing services to the district. This situation required an approach that would ensure that the software and the infrastructure hardware would be adequate and compatible now and for future maintenance, expansions and upgrades.

Catapult provided a unique combination of expertise and knowledge to Pflugerville ISD around technology planning and implementation. Together, the Catapult team developed and managed a Request for Proposal (RFP) program that assisted

Pflugerville ISD in soliciting, evaluating and selecting a robust turn-key infrastructure platform solution.

Catapult established a project plan to encompass the formation of the RFP and the evaluation of the RFP responses. The project started off with interviewing Pflugerville ISD technical staff to gather the district's infrastructure requirements. Key requirements gathered and analyzed included:

- Cabling Upgrades
- Directory Services
- File Storage and Print Services
- Email and Messaging
- Internet Accessibility and Control
- Anti-Virus Protection
- Centralized Desktop Management
- Server Management
- Disaster Recovery
- Integration with the Regional Educational Service Center
- Ability to operate and integrate systems with other areas

Catapult conducted product research to understand the solution landscape, and then formalized requirements for the RFP document. After the RFP was distributed, Catapult conducted a bidder's pre-proposal conference, answered bidder's questions, evaluated the RFP responses, evaluated bidder's presentations and made recommendations to Pflugerville ISD about which infrastructure solution to select.

Results

Pflugerville ISD was able to select a solution in the confidence that all requirements would be met for optimal effectiveness.

How can we help you?

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