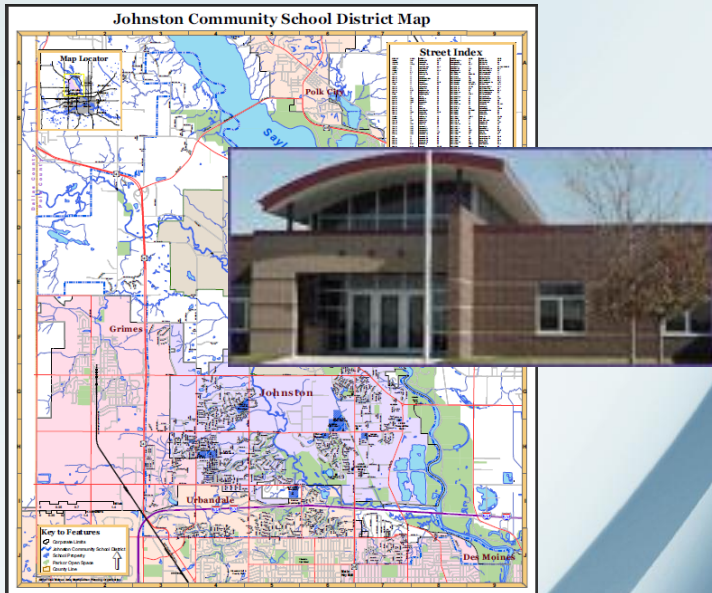




Customer Feature

Johnston Community School District

Fiber Design Project



The Right Combination of
Hardware, Software and People

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Profile

Johnston Community School District



About

Approximately 6,207 students from pre-kindergarten through 12th grade attend the Johnston Community School District (JCSD).

The JCSD is the 13th largest school district in the state of Iowa and the third largest employer in Johnston. The school district employs roughly 800 people, which includes 397 certified teachers and operates with a general fund budget of 42 million dollars.

Overview

Johnston Community School District

800 employees, 6207 students, 11 locations

Tony Sparks, Director of Technnology

The Johnston School District needed a highly technical staff to assist them with the planning and implementation of their fiber network rollout to all the schools in the district. Alliance Technologies provided the technical guidance and planning they needed to implement their current fiber project and plan for expansion in the near future.

The Johnston School District fiber network links eleven buildings, including schools and administration buildings. At any time their network and bandwidth has 7000 potential users, including students, faculty, and administrative staff. Not only is maintaining internet uptime crucial inside the classroom, the administrative staff also uses the internet and network for key tasks, including the web-based accounting and finance software.

Fiber Design Project

The Johnston School District chose Alliance Technologies largely based on the recommendation of city of Johnston, which was already utilizing Alliance Technologies to assist them with their own fiber project, as well as other needs. Based on that recommendation, the Johnston School District decided to use Alliance Technologies.

They were not disappointed. Alliance Technologies sent the right staff with the skills the Johnston School District needed to plan and implement their fiber project. The Alliance Technologies staff helped the Johnston School District by presenting several different options for the completion of the project, then assisted School District staff by making sure they understood the advantages and disadvantages of each option so they could make the best choice for their district.

Once the choice was made, Alliance staff provided the needed guidance during the implementation of the project to ensure it was completed successfully.



Services

Over the course of the Johnston Community School District fiber rollout, Alliance Technologies provided these essential services to the success of the project:

- Project Planning
- Project Management
- Technical Expertise and Design
- Network Strategy, Service Levels, and Topology
- Hardware Recommendations and Sale

Testimonials

Tony Sparks, Director of Technology

"We wanted to bring in a third party consultant who could help us with our fiber rollout project and design. Alliance Technologies fulfilled that role. One of our biggest needs with redundancy – we needed a system with maximum uptime. For instance, our accounting system is web-based software that needs internet access to function, so obviously that makes connectivity important."

"The new fiber network works great so far and we still have a phase three that we'd like to eventually undertake. We built the network with the capability for some expandability, because we will be building a new school. When we finish the new school and start phase three, we'll pick up all the schools in a loop, so then all the schools will be able to have redundancy."

"We transferred service to the new network on a weekend and we didn't have any problems. We had everybody up and running by that Monday, so we didn't really have any downtime. That's important for both our students and our staff."

About Alliance Technologies

Since 1994, Alliance Technologies has been fulfilling its mission of being a trusted advisor for our customers by providing comprehensive information technology (IT) solutions and expertise. Our focus with every customer is to establish a long-term relationship, an alliance, centered around trust and dependability. A dedication to this focus, this mission, has been the cornerstone to our success and the success of our customers.

One of our greatest strengths is the ability to provide a complete line of technology products and services to fulfill the needs of businesses of all sizes. We cover all spectrums of technology including networks and storage, virtualization, hosting, security, software development and database design, website design, help desk support and IT consulting.