

TUMWATER SCHOOL DISTRICT SUCCESS WITH WEB ACTIVE DIRECTORY

Using PeoplePlatform for Provisioning and User Management

“Using Web Active Directory’s PeoplePlatform will save weeks’ worth of work for the IT team, and our teachers will not be frustrated waiting for their student accounts to load. Also, we’ll have a lot higher quality data in our Student Information System.”

■ *Dan Reich, IT Director
Tumwater School District*

INTRODUCTION

Dan Reich, Director of Information Technologies at Tumwater School District stated that he has more quality data as well as time and resources since he deployed PeoplePlatform, Web Active Directory’s provisioning and user management solution.

Challenges

The challenges Tumwater School District faced were:

Synchronizing PowerSchool and Active Directory

The district had difficulty keeping their Active Directory synchronized with their Student Information System, PowerSchool.

Manual Account Provisioning was Slow

Managing the yearly influx of students and staff for the district took weeks to provision accounts causing frustration with teachers.

Data Quality Suffered

Their former process allowed for inaccurate data in Active Directory.

Web Active Directory’s PeoplePlatform Solution

By implementing Web Active Directory’s PeoplePlatform, Tumwater School District developed a more efficient process:

PowerSchool Sync

Synchronization between Active Directory and PowerSchool was automated, thus providing a more efficient process for IT.

Efficiency Gained

Teachers are no longer frustrated waiting on accounts to load while providing a more enjoyable learning environment for students.

Data Now Accurate

The synchronization of user accounts between Active Directory and PowerSchool eased concerns of inaccurate data. Administrators are now automatically notified when there are data anomalies.





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“We developed a true partnership with Web Active Directory. They were incredibly responsive and quickly followed through on commitments”

■ *Dan Reich*

Conclusion

Finally, Tumwater School District concluded:

They Are Saving Money

IT was able to automate the synchronization saving up to \$9,000 annually while allowing the IT group time to focus on more IT-related functions.

Reduced Frustration and Calls to IT

Teachers are no longer frustrated waiting on students accounts to load reducing calls to IT for assistance.

Data Now Accurate

Data in Active Directory is now 100% accurate reflecting what is in PowerSchool.

After completing the deployment of the Web Active Directory solution, Tumwater School District now has a provisioning solution that allows the IT department to properly devote time and resources to other critical issues the School District requires.

Tumwater employed Web Active Directory’s professional services to help them with discovery, solution installation, and implementation. Once the project was started it was successfully completed in a matter of a few weeks. During the discovery phase Web Active Directory’s professional services identified that Tumwater didn’t have a consistent way to uniquely identify a student in Active Directory which could create potential challenges in provisioning and updating records automatically. This problem was solved first so that the rest of the solution could fall into place.

Web Active Directory’s PeoplePlatform synchronizes their Student Information System, PowerSchool with their Active Directory. In doing so, the solution provides continuously accurate content in Active Directory.

About Web Active Directory

Web Active Directory provides an Identity Management platform web-enabling Active Directory technologies. We provide software and services on-premise or in the cloud saving money and time for IT technologists and empowering end-users not to be beholden to them.