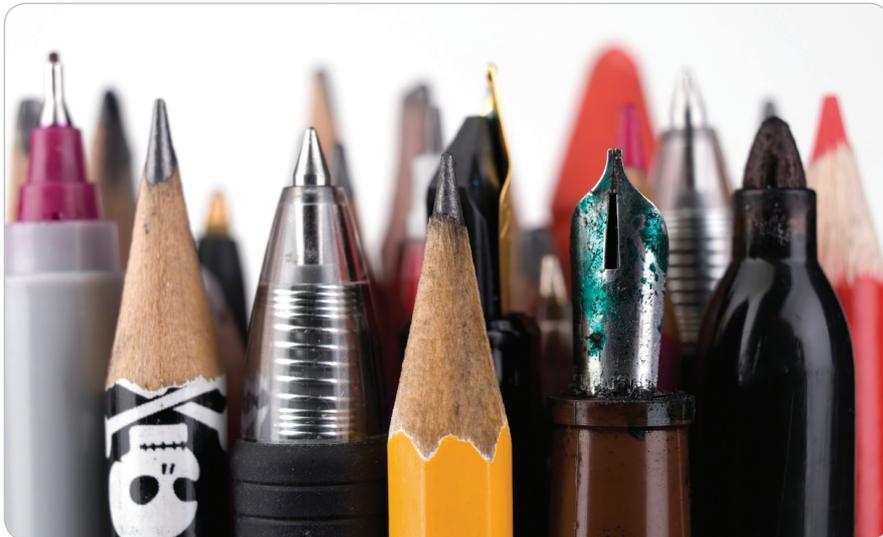




Empowering technology with security

Maricopa CA School District gives its teachers the full power of technology without risk



“All our computers have Internet access and all our e-mail is Webmail. There are also lots of video downloads. That means a lot of potential malware threats.”

Al Allen, Network Administrator/Technology Director,
Maricopa Unified School District

CUSTOMER

Client: Maricopa Unified School (CA)

Sector: Education

Country: US

Users: Over 300 students and 38 teachers and staff

Website:
<http://www.maricopaschools.org/>

AVG solution: Anti-Virus Business Edition 9.0

PROFILE

The Maricopa Unified School District is a rural district made up of two schools - one elementary and one high school - at a single location. The district's mission is to provide a caring and nurturing environment in which its students can maximize their personal and academic potential. The school district is smaller than many others, but it's not shy about using technology to further the education of its students.

THE CHALLENGE

A one person IT staff supports and protects the 168 computers in use at the schools and administrative offices. In some cases, the need for robust IT security measures were preventing teachers from making the best use of the tools they have.

THE SOLUTION

- AVG Anti-Virus Business Edition 9.0 provides complete anti-virus protection without high administrative requirements.
- The software uses minimal resources while scanning, increasing system performance and user and admin productivity.
- The AVG Admin Console automates security updates and pushes them out remotely - without IT support having to touch each workstation.

THE BENEFITS

It's been six years since the school district deployed the commercial edition of AVG and it has not had a single problem. As a result, they have decided to expand its use of AVG and thaw teacher's laptops to enable them to make even better use of them in the classroom.



The Situation

Maricopa Unified is a small, rural school district located approximately 45 miles from Bakersfield, California. It's smaller than most, but it's not shy about using technology to further the education of its students.

The district is made up of two schools, one elementary school and one high school – serving over 300 students in grades K-12. Every classroom in both schools has at least two computers and an interactive White Board. It also has 3 major computer labs along with an additional lab in the library. In addition it has an auto shop classroom outfitted with six additional computers. Each teacher also has a dedicated laptop.

In total, there are 168 computers that need to be supported and protected. There are also two Wi-Fi points – in the auto shop classroom and the Bus Barn - where drivers access maps, directions and log their driving time in accordance with state regulations.

The Challenge

The school district's network administrator and technology director, Al Allen, also serves as its one person IT staff and football coach. Al oversees all technology operations. He also recruits students to help out and provides them with a front row learning experience about technology and customer support.

The school district is at the risk of malware threats due to high volume of internet use by teachers, students and administrative personnel. It's Allen's job to make sure users are safe. He's seen lots of problems with computer viruses at home and at some of the other local school districts.

The Solution

Allen has been using AVG at Maricopa for about eight years. He started with the free version and has been using the commercial version for the last six to protect RSPs, administrators and secretaries. He recently upgraded to AVG Anti-Virus Business Edition 9. There are number of things he likes about the AVG product:

- AVG's admin console provides centralized management and monitoring that makes him much more efficient. He can remotely install, update, and configure AVG across the network from a single point. The management tool also provides a real-time, up-to-date view of the status of all the computers protected.
- He can control and modify the AVG client settings as needed, depending on the prevailing risk situation. Updates can be pushed out from a central point to all machines on the network and scheduled to occur at times when the networks are not under heavy traffic pressure.
- The management console covers all users in one convenient location and can quickly notify him of any potential problems and status changes – both on the console and via e-mail alerts.

In Allen's words, "AVG never lets anything in. It just seems to catch everything." Based on his experience with AVG, he's decided to thaw the teachers systems and protect them with AVG.

The Experience

"Version 9 is great," reports Allen. "It uses minimal resources while it's scanning. That makes me a lot more productive as well as everyone else that uses a machine at the school district. It basically eliminates any downtime."



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