AD360 eases AD delegation for Grand Prairie Independent School District

Company: **GPISD** | Industry: **Education** | Country: **Texas, US.**

About the organization

GPISD is a Kindergarten-to-12th grade Independent School District for the Grand Prairie region in the state of Texas. The School District has around 27000 students and 3500 staff and is committed to maximizing student achievements in the region. GPISD governs 39 campuses, including 25 elementary schools, seven middle schools, two ninth-grade centers, three high schools and two alternative education schools.

Challenges GPISD faced

With over 27000 students and 3500 staff, the GPISD was a massive organization that handled colossal amounts of sensitive data. The sheer magnitude of these numbers made AD administration an insurmountable task to the admin—password resets, file server auditing, data archiving, and so on. This demanded a controlled decentralization of powers over the Active Directory, without getting alienated from the delegated authority. The para-government organization was looking for an Active Directory manager that will assist in:

- Delegating authority to campus mentors to change passwords.

- Enable lab staff to create and manage accounts within the lab.

- Create user account in bulk by importing a .CSV file comprising names and relevant account information.

- Tracking and securing privileged access.

- Enhancing threat detection with user behavior analytics (UBA)

How AD360 addressed the issue

AD360 had all the credentials and the features that were needed to catch the eyes of the campus mentors in GPISD. With features to delegate help desk authority for resetting passwords and most importantly, bulk user management and affordable pricing have made AD360, a choice beyond question for GPISD.

Working together

GPISD, with the plethora of data it handles, the number of schools and consequently, the number of staff and students, had to effect bulk modifications in the AD, such creating a sea of student accounts in Active Directory during every academic intake, just with an import of student data.

This enormous volume of AD objects also increased the risk of insider threats. However, AD360's AD auditing module, with its enhanced threat detection with UBA, helped GPISD to instantly identify threats before they become damaging breaches.

In addition to that, the delegation of help desk authority empowered the campus mentors to reset passwords in a non-invasive way. The same feature also enabled the lab staff to create users for the specific labs they deal with.

With AD360's end-user password management module, the end users were able to reset their password themselves without any assistance from the help desk authorities, thereby saving a substantial amount of time and money which otherwise would have been wasted.

Above all this, the ease of installation and deployment, and the ease on the budget were also contributing to the appeal.

In short, AD360 helped GPISD frame a constitution for their Active Directory that clearly defined the powers and privileges given to each technician and administrator.

About AD360

AD360 is an integrated identity and access management (IAM) solution for managing user identities, governing access to resources, enforcing security, and ensuring compliance. From user provisioning, self-service password management, and Active Directory change monitoring, to single sign-on (SSO) for enterprise applications, AD360 helps you perform all your IAM tasks with a simple, easy-to-use interface.

AD360 provides all these functionalities for Windows Active Directory, Exchange Servers, and Office 365. With AD360, you can just choose the modules you need and start addressing IAM challenges across on-premises, cloud, and hybrid environments from within a single console.

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