

**Amboy CUSD #272 Journey to 1:1 and Personalized Learning:
Amboy CUSD #272 is a rural school district that enrolls 705 students' grades
K-12. This is our story:**

In the summer of 2015, we upgraded our infrastructure through a 3-year lease. We are paying for this through both erate and 1% sales tax dollars. In October 2015, Amboy CUSD #272 Superintendent Dr. Jeff Thake was invited to the AASA Personalized Learning Cohort in Salt Lake City, UT. This group represented 50 superintendents nationwide who have visited some of the most innovative 21st Century Learning school districts in the nation.

From November, 2015 thru February 1, 2016, concepts of personalized learning, where students learn at their own pace and have voice and choice in their own learning, were introduced to staff, community organizations, and students.

On February 4, 2016, the district hosted a community event where we screened the documentary 'Beyond Measure.' We had over 250 guests. We knew that personalized learning was the way of the future, and our community was interested in learning more. All stakeholders (including students) were surveyed.

In March 2016, after meeting with community organizations, we were able to secure the funding we needed to bring our district to 1:1, which was a VERY important step towards personalized learning. Survey results pointed to our students' needs, which demanded more technology, opportunities to work at their own pace, and opportunities to do projects with their peers.

August 2016, Chromebooks were issued to students' grades 5-12. Chromebooks for our K-4 students will remain in the teachers' classrooms on carts. Our transformation has been amazing. Teachers continue using Google Classroom and Google Sites. Both platforms allow parents and students 24/7 access to daily events in the classrooms. Teachers continue piloting self-paced ELA and Math classrooms, which are structured to allow students to work at their own pace. This allows teachers to deliver 1:1 instruction based on the individual learning needs of each student. The fall of 2018, students will be advancing grade levels at free will in ELA and Math grades 2-12.

We also take pride in project-based learning at all levels. Our high school STEM class allows students to explore projects of their interests. Their final grade is a presentation to the board of education in May.

We are becoming a district where students will be graduating high school with their diploma AND their associates degree simultaneously. Since May 2016, we have been asked to present throughout the United States to share our story. We invite you to the Amboy CUSD #272 to observe how we continue to transform into a district of 21st century innovation at a rate we never could've imagined.