

2026 Chronology: Vivacity Tech

The Division of Information and Instructional Technology (DIIT) seeks approval to renew Google Workspace for Education Plus through VivacityTech. This renewal supports the District's continued use of a secure, cloud-based platform that provides productivity, collaboration, communication, and administrative tools for students and staff across DeKalb County School District (DCSD).

As technology continues to play a critical role in teaching, learning, and district operations, maintaining a secure and reliable digital environment is essential. Students and staff rely daily on Google Workspace applications to communicate, collaborate, create content, access instructional resources, and manage operational workflows. The Google Workspace for Education Plus platform enhances these capabilities while providing advanced security, compliance, reporting, and administrative controls designed specifically for K-12 educational environments.

Google Workspace for Education Plus serves as a foundational component of the District's digital ecosystem and supports instructional delivery, administrative operations, communication, and cybersecurity efforts. The platform enables students and staff to work efficiently from any location while maintaining secure access to District resources and data.

The Education Plus edition provides enhanced functionality beyond the standard educational offering, including advanced security tools, analytics, administrative controls, and collaboration features that help protect District data and improve operational efficiency. These capabilities support the District's commitment to safeguarding student and staff information while ensuring equitable access to modern digital learning tools.

This renewal represents Year 2 of a 3-year licensing commitment and provides 95,000 student licenses with staff licenses included as part of the agreement. The pricing structure allows the District to maintain predictable costs while continuing to leverage enterprise-level collaboration and security capabilities.

Key Services Include:

Provides Google Workspace for Education Plus licensing and related educational technology services.

Google Workspace for Education Plus

- Google Workspace for Education Plus is Google's most comprehensive education platform and includes advanced capabilities that support instruction, collaboration, administration, and cybersecurity.
- Instructional and Collaboration Tools
- Provides cloud-based productivity applications including Google Docs, Sheets, Slides, Forms, Drive, and Google Meet
- Enables real-time collaboration among students, teachers, administrators, and staff
- Supports hybrid, virtual, and in-person learning environments
- Facilitates communication and resource sharing across schools, departments, and District offices

Advanced Security and Data Protection

- Provides enhanced security controls designed specifically for educational institutions

- Strengthens protection against phishing, malware, account compromise, and unauthorized access
- Includes advanced investigation and remediation tools that help administrators identify and respond to potential security incidents
- Supports data governance and compliance efforts through expanded monitoring and reporting capabilities

Administrative Management and Reporting

- Delivers advanced analytics and reporting tools that provide greater visibility into platform usage, adoption, and security activities
- Enhances administrative oversight through centralized management controls
- Streamlines account administration and policy management across the District
- Supports informed decision-making through actionable data and insights

Academic Integrity and Learning Enhancements

- Provides originality reports and academic integrity tools to support authentic student work
- Enhances classroom collaboration and instructional engagement
- Expands digital learning capabilities through additional features not available in standard editions
- Supports equitable access to instructional resources and learning opportunities

Operational Efficiency

- Reduces dependence on locally hosted infrastructure through secure cloud-based services
- Supports business continuity and disaster recovery efforts through cloud storage and redundancy
- Improves accessibility and flexibility for students and staff working across multiple locations
- Enables scalable technology services that can adapt to future District needs

The continued use of Google Workspace for Education Plus helps ensure that DCSD maintains a secure, modern, and collaborative digital learning environment. The platform supports instructional excellence, operational efficiency, and cybersecurity objectives while providing students and staff with access to industry-leading educational technology tools.

Procurement:

Pursuant to Board Policy DJE III.D.3.d, purchases may be made through contracts formally solicited and obtained by governmental entities and cooperative purchasing organizations to achieve cost savings and administrative efficiencies. Accordingly, NCPA/OMNIA Partners Contract #01-170 will be utilized for purchase.

Financial Impact:

Year	Cost
2026	\$412,300
2027	\$412,300 requested