**24/7 Learning**

***Google Hangouts for Education***

Hello my name is Brian Olivera, and I currently teach 8th grade science at Monett middle school. For the past four years I’ve been involved in teaching within a 1:1 learning environment from grades k-12. My experience connecting kids to the regular classroom virtually spans from the remote villages of Kodiak Alaska to Monett Missouri.

**Description:** Google Hangouts is a video and audio conferencing tool that provides teachers with a way to connect students to their classroom from anywhere in the world. It’s a great way to bring students into the class virtually weather in other buildings on school campus, at home sick, homebound, or on vacation. Using the system helps kids stay connected to their learning at times they may not be physically present in the class.

**Session Goal:** The goal of this session is to introduce the basic tools and usage of Google Hangouts. Participants will have a chance to hear and see how it’s used as a tool for anytime and anywhere learning. The session will offer a demonstration on how Google Hangouts works as well as participate in discussions on how they may see it working for them. For participants familiar with Google Hangouts the session will also introduce Hangouts on air, an additional feature to the program.

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