



Background

Following Ferris High School's 2004-05 State Scholastic Cup Championship, the Saxons earned runner-up honors in the 2005-06 season. This reflects the total school experience provided our students. Academic achievement, combined with opportunities to develop leadership and teamwork in a wide range of classes, clubs, and sports typify life at FHS.

The Challenge

"The problem which we were attempting to solve was students abusing or misusing the computers in our classrooms; many of the students would choose to surf the internet or play games in lieu of their assignments. We were looking for software which would allow us to monitor and control students' activities on the school computers."

Situation

"We ultimately looked at 2 security software titles – Fortres and NetSupport. Fortres allows greater access and more features in locking the computers; however, in using Fortres in one classroom, we found 2 major hurdles: first, Fortres had to be utilized from a central server for central control which meant that the server downtime would have a high volume of traffic monitoring the security on all of the computers; and second, Fortres did not allow us to lock out individual computers from the teacher station; instead, what was done on one computer, was done to all of the computers in the classroom. Presently, NetSupport is installed in 5 classrooms at our high school; the district may look at purchasing more licenses in the future for other classrooms."

NetSupport Solution

"We have noticed that our students are now much more on task because they cannot surf the web or play games during classtime; we have also noticed that when we do have a project which involves the internet, we are able to preapprove websites which restrict where the students can go onto the internet."

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