



Background

Sculptor Charter School is a Titusville, FL public school, with 392 students in kindergarten through eighth grade and 28 prekindergarten students. Sculptor uses the Core Knowledge curriculum developed by Virginia educator E.D. Hirsch Jr. two decades ago. In the program, there is a “core” of content for each grade, which builds on material learned in previous grades and helps young people develop what Hirsch calls “cultural literacy.” Sculptor also emphasizes the arts, technology and character building in its efforts to produce well-rounded students.

Although it is a public school, Sculptor is privately run, and its 61 faculty members and staff are employees of the nonprofit Brevard Innovative Charter Schools. The school receives state money but also raises funds for things such as parking lot repairs and a current goal – acquiring an athletic field.

Sculptor has been in its present location, a two-story, 63,000-square-foot building near an industrial park, for four years. Now using about half the space, Sculptor hopes to purchase the facility to have room to expand. The school is free and open to area students. Traditionally, there are more applicants than spaces available, so a lottery is used to fill the slots.

The Challenge

Instruction in our computer lab, with 24 stations, was often cumbersome and difficult to monitor. Many times, especially with younger students, it would take a great deal of instructional time to get the attention off the computers and on the teacher. Also, if a program needed to be running before a class started, the teacher had to go to each station to start it. These issues caused a great deal of teacher time to be wasted on tasks that should be done faster. We needed a program that would accomplish the tasks with a few clicks.

Situation

After comparing NetSupport and NetOp, we decided to go with NetSupport School. We made this decision because the interface on NetSupport was much simpler to understand and the deployment tool worked very effectively on our network. Currently, we have NetSupport School installed on 24 lab computers and one instructor computer and it is used throughout every school day.

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NetSupport Solution

NetSupport School has created an environment in our computer lab where the instructor can use time very efficiently and effectively. The once time consuming tasks of starting programs and powering the lab up and down are now done in seconds. The screen lock feature allows the teacher to grab the attention of students almost instantly and students know that the lock means the teacher wants their attention. This software has made a huge impact on the effectiveness on computer lab time while also helping to direct students attention on the task at hand.

Testimony

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- Technology Coordinator, Sculptor Charter School

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