

Trinity Presbyterian School

Montgomery, Alabama

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Project Summary

The summer of 2009 brought about a discussion that changed Trinity forever. One of our administrators went to an Apple training in Mobile, AL. By early 2010, a group went to visit the mothership (Apple headquarters) in Cupertino, CA, and the rest is now history. From that point on, while many steps unfolded over the past three years, the 1:1 laptop initiative at Trinity School became a reality.

Trinity Presbyterian School, an evangelical Christian school that was started by Trinity Presbyterian Church, is dedicated to the whole child: academics, arts, athletics and spirituality. We are located in the deep south and serve close to 900 students in PreK-12 .

Project Results

The summer of 2010 saw all teachers receive MacBooks. The 7th and 9th grades received their MacBooks this past school year. The 2012-2013 school year culminates the current plan in which all students in grades 6-12 will be educated using either MacBooks or MacAirs.

Key results:

- Dramatic change in faculty/staff culture.
- Deployment of over 800 laptops, iPads and iPod touches.
- A new focus for professional development.
- Addition of what we call tech coaches; help teachers with implementation of technology and teaching.
- Implementation of a variety of new vehicles to teach students.
- A change in how we do education on Trinity's campus!

What We Learned

- This undertaking is extremely expensive and thus every dollar must be accounted for along the way.
- Changing a teaching/learning culture is very difficult to do. (But it certainly can be done!)
- Moving a school toward technology is a slow, steady march. It must be both systematically planned and implemented.
- Doing education in the 21st century is very different, but we all need adopt it because it is coming and coming fast!

