

Ushering educators and students into the future

Penn Manor School District

MILLERSVILLE, PA

The future comes calling

The Pennsylvania Department of Education created an ambitious program to help encourage the use of technology in the classroom and prepare students for the technologically-advanced 21st century workplace. The Classrooms for the Future program introduced large numbers of new computers into districts across the state. For the Penn Manor School District, this meant seven hundred and fifty thousand dollars worth of new equipment, including over 450 new MacBooks.

IT Director Charlie Reisinger understood that if the classrooms were to be ushered into the future, he would also have to update his management tools. Even with the capable assistance of System Engineers Shawn Beard and Chad Billman, Charlie said that they had no way to handle this huge influx.



BEGINNING AT THE BEGINNING

The Penn Manor IT team knew they should bring in Jamf Pro as the first step of the process.

“The software was recommended to us by another school district,” recalls Shawn. “We did some research, decided it would be a good fit, and had it installed before we unpackaged a single laptop.”

Images were created and software was deployed across all 450 machines, and even with this efficiency, Jamf Pro immediately paid managerial dividends.

“We had software updates we needed to deploy by the time we had the previous version installed,” says Shawn. “If we had to go back and reimage all of those

AT A GLANCE



Created an ambitious program called “Classrooms for the Future”



Utilizes Jamf Pro to manage 2500 Apple devices district wide



Classrooms for the Future program provided 450 MacBooks



Managing more than 2,400 machines across 10 buildings



Expanded Jamf Pro across entire school district



Use Jamf Pro to automate deployment of Apple devices



machines manually... well, I just couldn't imagine going through that a second time."



MAKING MORE OF TIME

William Penn famously said that "time is what we want most, but what we use worst."

He would be proud to know that this does not apply to the IT department in the school district named for him. After the success of the initial deployment, Charlie and his team expanded their use of Jamf Pro across the entire district. Adding approximately 2,400 machines across 10 buildings in the district qualified as a "massive infusion."

"If we tried to manage these machines manually, there simply would not be enough time in the day," says Charlie. "I would easily need another full-time tech employee, if not two... and we still wouldn't be able to respond as quickly."

Chad also has found valuable efficiency in the combination of imaging tools and the availability of Self Service.

"Jamf Pro is very easy to use, both for us and for the non-technical staff," Chad says. "We were able to re-image over 400 machines just one week before school started, and we could deploy them without very specific software preferences because we know our users understand how to get that software themselves."

"Client management software was an unfunded project expense, but without Jamf Pro, we could have never effectively deployed the new equipment in a timely manner."

– Charlie Reisinger, IT Director





FEARLESSLY FACING THE FUTURE

Using Jamf Pro, Charlie and his team can take on new projects without worry.

“When the district adopted new mathematics materials,” Charlie recalls, “the series came with new text books, instructional materials, and a large number of discs with companion software. Because we can group the hardware in Jamf Pro’s inventory manager, we were able to serve up our elementary staff group with the new software from our central location. Three CDs worth of software were installed on 175 machines in three weeks—there’s simply no way that’s done manually.”

Not only can the team effectively and efficiently manage their daily tasks, but this ability to accelerate allows them to be confident about new projects that emerge thorough the course of time. The Penn Manor School District is not only comprised of tech-savvy classrooms, but thanks to Jamf Pro, they also have System Engineers who are prepared for the future as well.



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