

Computer Lab International™

Case Study: Lafayette County Schools

Lafayette County School District



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Overview

The Lafayette County School District is a public school district based in Lafayette County, Mississippi (USA). The district serves the town of Abbeville and the village of Taylor as well as most rural areas in Lafayette County. The county is comprised of 4 schools, K-12, and has over 2,500 students

The Challenge

The school wanted to replace a number of PCs located in the student labs. Locking down the PCs was nearly impossible and students were able to access unauthorized applications, change user settings and cause a number of support issues. The IT department was getting 30 support calls a day, with a 14 day backlog. Add to that travel time between the schools and the cost to support a PC network was out of control.

Computer Lab International (CLI) Solution

After evaluating several possible options, the school decided to implement server-based computing using thin clients for the desktops. In this environment, the applications are stored and executed on the server and displayed on the thin clients. This provides a centralized computing solution that is easier to manage. The Computer Lab International (CLI) MT1200 Thin Client Terminals were selected as the appropriate desktop solution for the school. The easy configuration, setup, and small form factor were the primary reasons for choosing CLI.

CLI products allow simple, reliable, and secure access to the Internet, Microsoft Windows, Linux, VMware, and Java applications. The Lafayette County School student labs required a number of different applications to be accessed, such as word processing, web-based training, multimedia, and research aids.

The CLI MT1200 mini thin client has a locked down, sealed box design for high security and virus prevention. With no fan or other moving parts, operation is quiet and very reliable. Bundled with powerful software enabling complete administration and management of all CLI desktops from a central location, the MT1200 offers simple configuration and management.

The Results

Thin clients gave Lafayette County the solution needed to address their security and support issues. The very essence of going thin – a locked-down device with no moving parts and being environmentally green – resolved Lafayette's problems while also providing savings on electricity.