



New Providence School District Offers Students Competitive Edge with MaaS360 iPad Management



Solution Overview

- **Customer:** New Providence School District (New Providence)
- **Industry:** Education
- **Geography:** United States
- **Challenge:** New Providence needed an easy-to-use, affordable mobility solution to support 500 iPads.
- **Solution:** MaaS360 by Fiberlink will allow students and teachers to take advantage of mobile learning while offering IT a simple, web-based console for managing all devices and apps.

The Challenge: Prepare for the Rollout of 500 iPads to High School Students and Teachers

New Providence High School, rated the #1 high school in NJ by *NJ Monthly Magazine*, provided an iPad to each high school teacher and, in February 2013, will provide an iPad to every 9th, 10th and 11th grade student. When planning for the iPad initiative, the IT department knew that it needed to find a Mobile Device Management (MDM) solution that would allow them to secure, manage and track inventory of the devices.

The educational value, while promising, also put New Providence at risk of costly device losses and a huge burden on the small IT department. The district had been using the iPhone configuration utility to lock down devices so students could not add and remove applications. However, as part of the new one-to-one iPad initiative, New Providence will not restrict app or device usage. IT began the search for an affordable, scalable mobility solution that could be deployed quickly, would require little maintenance, and allow them to easily manage all of the student and teacher iPads.

The Solution: Rapid and Simple Deployment of MaaS360 Mobile Device Management

Alex Menard, Manager of Information Systems, started his evaluation by researching on the web and gathering recommendations from his counterparts in other school districts. This led him to assess AirWatch, Casper Suite, MaaS360 and Sophos.

“MaaS360’s cloud model and ease of use made the decision an easy one. I liked the user interface better than the other solutions I evaluated. In addition, the low cost of investment was a good match for our budget. It was also important to me that MaaS360 supported more than just Apple devices. While we are not planning on using it for BYOD right now, we also wanted to have the flexibility to do so in the future.”

Due to MaaS360’s simplicity, Alex was able to enlist the help of his high school interns during the summer to enroll the devices for the high school teachers. He also worked with the Fiberlink support team, which was able to customize the administrative rights so the interns could complete the enrollments without having access to all admin capabilities. As the teachers picked up their new iPads, they completed the second step of enrollment. The entire process took less than five minutes.

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The remainder of the iPads will be enrolled and distributed in the second half of the school year. With MaaS360, Alex and his team will be able to easily push and track installation of educational apps and eventually, e-textbooks.

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