



Case Study

Archbishop Moeller High School, Cincinnati, Ohio

"For four years, Moeller has chosen to purchase the InfoCase product to help us achieve our goal of providing a functional laptop to every student at all times. The InfoCase Exo™ provides protection for our investment in the students' education." - Keith Schaeper, Administrator

Archbishop Moeller High School in Cincinnati, Ohio, opened its doors in 1960. The Catholic secondary school for young men has 980 students and is owned and operated by the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. With a mission to "educate the whole person," the school believes learning is most effective through a variety of methods. Moeller is currently in its seventh year of a one-to-one laptop program, which continues to enhance learning for every student. "We believe technology is a tool which, if used properly, will enhance learning in ways that could not be imagined just a few years ago. Jeff Gaier, Director of Technology, shared his thoughts on the program, "Through the proper use of technology, our school will be able to provide new avenues of discovery that will lead beyond the traditional classroom walls."

The Challenge

Moeller High School was in a position where reducing damage rates became essential to sustaining the feasibility of their laptop program. As damage rates continually increased, Moeller found the cost of laptop insurance skyrocketing. At the end of the 2000 school year, insurance claims were at such a high level that the premiums had doubled and the insurance company was threatening to drop coverage of the school. However, worse still was the negative impact on the learning process. The high damage rate meant students did not have ubiquitous access - one of the key program objectives. Moeller administrators realized action had to be taken to improve protection of the laptops and ensure the survival of their laptop program.

The Solution

In an effort to solve their problem, Moeller began using the Exo™ carry case solution at the beginning of the 2002-2003 school year. The Exo Always-On™ design remains on the machine at all times, which means constant protection in the most challenging of environments. The students never need to remove the laptop from the case to access, charge or use the machine.

Administrators felt the feature most important in a carrying case is the level of protection it provides from drops. The high school was previously using backpacks that did not provide the level of drop protection necessary for the demanding academic environment. Additionally, Moeller adheres to a strict acceptable use policy that requires students to keep the machine in its case at all times. The guidelines for case usage are only one facet of a comprehensive use policy that regulates computer use and acceptable behavior in general.

Results

As a result of introducing the Exo™ carrying cases into the laptop program, Moeller has experienced a 31.1% decrease in machine damage rates. Moeller has not only improved their insurance premiums, the institution is now self-insured. Every year since the initial deployment, Moeller has purchased 250 units to outfit incoming freshman in order to protect their investment for years to come.