

A K-12 Collaborative Venture Houston ISD, InfoCase and Netsync

## Challenge

In order to prepare Houston Independent School District's students for a world beyond the four walls of a classroom, Houston ISD (HISD) launched PowerUp Initiative. Launched in 2013, PowerUp focuses on bringing technology into HISD schools to create a personalized learning environment for today's 21<sup>st</sup> century learners. Serving 215,000 students, HISD is the largest district in Texas, and the seventh largest in the nation. The district knew their endeavor to integrate technology into all 282 schools would be a challenge.

## Solution

A key component of HISD's PowerUp initiative was ensuring schools, students and staff had equitable access to technology- including devices, software, and infrastructure. HISD focused on the importance of "The Power of 3" by including partners to help them overcome their challenges: HISD (leadership and determination), Netsync Network Solutions (technology experience), and InfoCase (most experienced in K-12 one to one accessories).

As a leader in protective mobile accessories for K-12 for over 20 years, InfoCase worked closely with HISD to craft a customized case design to assure the students of HISD had minimal down time by reducing damages to their HP laptops. The always-on style case HISD chose for their students provides the ultimate protection because the laptop never has to leave the case. In addition to the protective case, Netsync constructed a team of 30 employees to visit HISD schools daily and manage HISD's 60,000 deployed units.

## Result

HISD schools have had success over the past four years with low damage rates, and unparalleled service from both InfoCase and Netsync. Kevin Hodges, the IT Project Manager for HISD's high schools, said the following about the Always-On case by Infocase: *"We are confident that the Always-On cases provided by InfoCase are crucial to protecting our student laptops."* As HISD prepares the next deployment of new devices, InfoCase and Netsync will be there every step of the way.

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