



CASE STUDY

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Challenge: After using a labor- and time-intensive asset management system, MPS sought a more comprehensive and cost-effective solution.

Solution: Track and manage devices in 1:1 devices using School Asset Manager's comprehensive asset management system.

Results: "Superintendency and parents were standing over our shoulders as we checked out devices to students, and it worked like a charm."

Mesa Public Schools (MPS) is the largest public school district in the state of Arizona with approximately 64,000 students in some 75 schools. Students enjoy opportunities such as Montessori, International Baccalaureate, dual-language immersion, honors and Advanced Placement courses and Franklin traditional schools.

As part of its 1:1 initiative, MPS is taking a phased approach to issuing devices for all of its secondary school students. They were using a labor- and time-intensive asset management system to track these devices, but sought a more comprehensive and cost-effective solution.

They attended a live demonstration of School Asset Manager (SAM) given for local Arizona school districts by Troxell and its partners, Summit Integration Systems and SAM parent company Results Squared Limited. They were so impressed that they agreed to participate in a free trial offered to interested school administrators.

During the trial period, MPS administrators put SAM through a rigorous research and evaluation process. They quickly decided that SAM was exactly what they needed to achieve their short-term 1:1 goals, as well as their long-term multi-asset tagging plan.

MPS chose SAM because of its ease of use, mobility, time savings, and the ability to move and customize the configuration, even after implementation. "SAM is intuitive for a wide range of users, and training is complete in less than 10 minutes," said Michelle Hamilton, MPS director of purchasing. "Setup, deployment, and continued use are seamless."

SAM combines QR asset tagging (including ultra-strong asset tags), scanning, document and media storage, network management, and help desk requests, enabling districts and schools to manage all of their fixed, mobile, hard and soft assets. It's completely customizable and allows schools and districts of all sizes to add thousands of assets in minutes by easily importing existing asset data and creating bulk uploads of new or existing assets.

Powerful online reporting tools allow administrators to quickly create custom reports, such as location of all assets purchased with Title 1 funds. Data is instantly recorded so it can be reported on and exported to common formats with one click.

"Tim [Cropper-Williams] of Results Squared Limited was able to customize configuration during deployment in real time for our specific needs in order to make selections easier and far quicker for us," explains MPS Assistant Superintendent of Business Services Bobette Sylvester-McCarroll. "With our previous asset management system, the deployment would not have gone this way as we had to go through a multitude of labor-intensive steps throughout the entire process."

After deploying SAM, MPS easily scanned 2,500 devices—with each device taking less than two minutes—for deployment to Skyline High School students. "Superintendency and parents were standing over our shoulders as we checked out devices to students, and it worked like a charm," Hamilton added. "SAM is on the cutting edge of technology."

MPS can now fully track device deployments in real time, without added backend work. Devices can be assigned to a school, department, program, student, or teacher so they know who is responsible for any single device at any given time—and when it changes hands—providing significant cost savings for the district. For example, when a student's device leaves school grounds, his or her parents agree to be responsible for that device.

The district's repair team also uses SAM to send a device in for repair. The device is scanned out to a technician and scanned back in again when it returns.

"SAM is the only complete school asset management system to use the latest in cloud and mobile technologies, offering the ultimate in flexibility that allows any school to benefit from a tailored and unique asset management solution," said CEO Mike Ruprich, Troxell Communications and Summit Integration Systems. **"Mesa Public Schools has been a terrific example of how expandable and user-friendly SAM can be all the way from the free trial through setup and daily use."**

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