

Florida Christian School Announces Completion of Technology Initiative Phase 1

/EINPresswire.com/ [Florida Christian School](#) (FCS) today announced the completion of Phase 1's implementation of their [technology](#) initiative FCSMART. FCSMART is a multifaceted initiative which moves technology directly into the classroom and integrates it into the day-to-day academic process.

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Students are learning in new interactive ways using technology such as Apple iPads at Florida Christian School

"Phase 1 provided the foundation of re-architecting our technology implementation from traditional limited school use, to supporting school-wide population and participation, delivering technology-infused content integrated into our teachers' lesson plans and curriculum," stated Dr. Robert Andrews, Florida Christian School Headmaster. "This initial phase required a substantial technology investment in our IT infrastructure. It included equipping the school's faculty (K-12) with Apple iPads, and providing projection systems, Smartboards, high quality audio systems, upgraded classroom desktop computers and teacher technology training."

Andrews continued, "In Phase 1 we also addressed communication to students, parents and teachers by implementing a Facebook-like system called Edmodo, to allow group interaction between teachers and students (homework discussions, test prep, clarity on a topic or concept), a custom iPhone application (Android coming) with push notification from Squareberry.com for school news and events, a custom mobile website to complement our existing website, SMS/email messaging and Edline for online homework/grades."

"Imagine being able to infuse your lesson with up-to-date video and audio from subject matter experts as you freely walk around the classroom controlling the content wirelessly from your Apple iPad," said Johanna Hayden, FCS 11th Grade English Teacher. "This is no longer a dream

but a reality in my classroom at FCS and the students are responding positively."

Phase 2 of the FCSMART technology initiative will introduce "Bring Your Own Device" for the students plus a pilot for [E-Textbooks](#) from BJU Press during the second semester of the 2012-13 school year.

About Florida Christian School

Florida Christian School is a private nondenominational school located in Miami, Florida offering preschool through 12th grade. Florida Christian School is accredited by Florida Association of Christian Colleges and Schools (FACCS), AdvancED (formerly The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools), Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools (MSA), and the National Council for Private School Accreditation (NCPSA).

Florida Christian School exists to provide quality Christian education for students and their families. FCS's mission is to develop well-rounded students through excellent academic and extracurricular activities, while seeking to win the lost to Christ and equip Christians with the skills and the knowledge to change the world for Jesus Christ.

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