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## NetSmart Plus Provides Upgraded Virtual Learning Experience for West Michigan Christian Students

### Who is West Michigan Christian Schools (WMCS?)

West Michigan Christian High School (WMCS) is a private, Calvinist Christian School in Muskegon, serving grades 7-12. It is accredited by the Michigan Association of Non-Public Schools and is a member of Christian Schools International. Founded in 1948, the school is owned by the parents of the students it serves. WMCS has 17 athletic teams, drama, chapel, music programs, student council, numerous clubs as well as other voluntary student activities.

### Key Challenges in the WMCS Environment

In the fall of 2020, a portion of the students started to physically return to WMCS, following the stay-at-home directives throughout the state. Students had been attending school remotely since March 2020, but WMCS administrators felt an upgrade was required. They wanted students still learning virtually to have the same learning and cultural experience as those attending on-site. In addition, WMCS has teachers on staff who are very technologically efficient while some teachers on staff would rather not use any technology.

### How NetSmart Plus Helped

NetSmart Plus provided Interactive Learning Kits for 30 classrooms, making virtual learning and collaboration easier. Each classroom was outfitted with a "workstation set up" that included microphones, cameras, projectors, and stands. Each set-up is compatible with whatever software chosen (Zoom/Google Classroom, etc) and completely customizable per teacher's preference and classroom aesthetic. According to WMCS faculty, NetSmart Plus personnel were extremely helpful, very friendly, and willing to work with teachers individually who may have needed more help.

### The Benefits

- *Students learning virtually receive the same learning experience as those physically present*
- *Teachers don't have to produce two different lesson plans to accommodate both sets of students*
- *Each classroom is customized to teacher's needs and technological capabilities*
- *Parents aren't required to be as involved as with previous virtual learning experiences*
- *WMCS becomes a more attractive choice for students preferring virtual learning for a variety of reasons*

### About Applied Imaging and NetSmart Plus

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West Michigan Christian Schools

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NetSmart Plus

*"They stepped into a situation with teachers with different strengths and classrooms with different technology. And they did the extra work that was needed. One of the gentlemen who was here that whole day went room to room and if there was a problem, he was there ASAP to help problem solve that with the teachers."*

- Mark Hill, Teacher, WMCS

*"I love this option, just because it gives us the chance to still have interactions and relationships with the teachers because that would be something that was missing without this technology."*

- Michaela Moorhead, Student, WMCS



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