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Hillwood freshmen first to participate in 1:1 Laptop Program

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (Sept. 10, 2010) – In a year filled with unprecedented announcements for Metro Nashville Public Schools, Hillwood High School is joining the action as the first school in Nashville to pilot a 1:1 Laptop Program. Friday, Sept. 10, **every first-time freshman enrolled at Hillwood** was issued his or her own **Dell Netbook**.

“This is truly uncharted waters for Nashville,” said Hillwood Principal Steve Chauncy. “We’ve been working on this for some time now and seeing this first part of our dream realized is exciting. Technology is so important in education, work and life; we felt this would help our students get a step ahead.”

The Dell Netbook was selected due to its smaller size, which makes it more compact and easier for students to carry. The goal is for all classroom assignments to be distributed, completed, graded and returned electronically. Hillwood administrators hope that if this pilot program goes well, in future years every student at Hillwood will be able to participate in this program.

The \$250,000+ investment was made possible by a federal grant. The laptops were purchased under the guidance of Software Productivity Strategists (SPS), who helped establish a similar program in Alexandria City Public Schools in Virginia.

SPS representative Mark Weinel says Hillwood was a natural choice.

“Our goal is to serve as an integration partner for K-12 schools,” Weinel said. “Hillwood really was a perfect fit for us thanks to the energy and interest of school leaders.”

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