

LocknCharge at Lakewood City Schools

Vision

To utilize the passing of a \$100 million levy to expand and modernize their classrooms by completely remodeling or rebuilding all of their schools.

Goal

To use this revamp as an opportunity to rethink their approach to technology integration for the diverse student population.

At a Glance

The Plan

- Maximize \$100 million levy
- Needed Carts that make moving, storing, and charging devices easy
- LocknCharge Carrier 30 & 40 Carts and iQ 30 Carts
- 1:3 mobile device ratio for grades K-5
- 1:1 mobile device ratio for grades 6-12



Lakewood City: LocknCharge Carrier Carts in the Classroom



About Lakewood City Schools
Located in Lakewood, OH

Lakewood City Schools in Ohio is a 5,300 student district made up of seven K-5 elementary schools, two middle schools, one high school and one community charter school.

Carrier 30 Cart™



Challenges

Not unexpectedly, district leaders faced challenges during the massive undertaking of a district-wide mobile device deployment. Starting in 2014, Lakewood City Schools adopted a 10-year plan to overhaul their classrooms. The district started by tearing down three of its seven elementary schools. During the rebuilding, students were moved to temporary classrooms. School leaders knew that computer labs weren't a practical option in this arrangement, so they introduced mobile devices into the classrooms.

Deploying Devices

Paul Hieronymus, coordinator of technology and communication, recognized that to make these initiatives successful, educators needed a way to easily, move, store and charge the devices. Enter, the Carrier 40, Carrier 30 and iQ30 carts from LocknCharge.

“From first glance, we knew the carts were exactly what we were looking for. It was like someone had read our mind and created the perfect solution,” Hieronymus said.

With a 1:3 mobile device ratio, Lakewood City Schools students learn to work together when using and sharing the devices. This setup also helps prevent the devices from becoming worksheets on a screen because educators need to provide students activities that allow for collaboration. With a 1:3 ratio, teachers did not need a full cart of devices at all times. For this reason, the educators keep the carts in a centrally located area so they can utilize the baskets to take only the number of devices they need, while leaving the other devices in the carts for the rest of the classrooms.

Results to Date

Lakewood City Schools embraced its opportunity to refresh its classrooms and technology initiatives by implementing creative solutions that worked in multiple settings for its diverse student body. But without the carts, the mobility of the mobile devices was limited. LocknCharge provided the district with a solution that works at every stage of its 10-year plan—helping set up all students for success. After two years of construction, the new elementary schools are complete, but teachers and students insisted that they continue using the LocknCharge mobile device Carts.