

# THE KING'S ACADEMY

&

**JDL** Technologies

## Focusing on the Future with Technology

For more than forty years, The King's Academy, a Pre-K through 12<sup>th</sup> grade college preparatory school located in Palm Beach County, Florida, has partnered with the community, families, and church in creating a strong academic and spiritual foundation for its students. Starting with the first class of only 196 students, The King's Academy has graduated more than 2,000 alumni. Currently, TKA's faculty of dedicated professionals provides both spiritual leadership and academic instruction to nearly 1,300 students each day.

The King's Academy provides a friendly, well-rounded academic experience including 20 Advanced Placement and dual enrollment courses, an award-winning fine arts program led by instructors with Broadway experience, a championship sports program, and innovative, state-of-the-art technology in every classroom, making TKA, an environment of amazing opportunities for every student. As Penny Holm, Director of Admissions, explained, "The King's Academy has the best of both worlds; we are large enough to have diversity, yet small enough to establish life-long relationships." With roughly 100 students per grade in high school, The King's Academy maintains the personal attention to attain academic excellence and Christian values that impact students for life.

Understanding that the learning process and fluidity of communications can be enhanced by technology, The King's Academy utilizes the most current technology available. Every classroom is a smart classroom, equipped with smart board computer, laptop, tablet, or other device to deliver a lesson. Robert Danley, Director of IT described how technology plays a large role in classroom education at The King's Academy; "We look to technology to enable our teachers to instruct kids in an engaging way. Our teachers build great teaching notebooks where they can embed images and videos to present each lesson in a smooth and engaging manner."

Additionally, The King's Academy parents and students can access daily announcements, course syllabi, classroom resources, grades, accounting details, and

even athletic and fine arts events by accessing the school's portal. Enabling constant communication between all channels in the education process has been very effective.

When asked about JDL's role in advancing The King's Academy's technology, Danley added, "We are expanding to other campuses; and we knew we needed to head towards virtualization. JDL's team of engineers assisted in successfully advising and deploying Citrix virtualization. Since the implementation, we have not experienced any issues, glitches, or bugs." Danley commented that, "JDL left me with the sense of, 'that's my go to' for future technology projects. I look forward to working with the fantastic engineers of JDL."

In focusing on the future, The King's Academy has put together a strategic plan with one of its major focuses as technology. Its goal is to continuously upgrade and enhance campus technology, like its latest step with virtualization. The focus will be a mix of hardware and software availability for student and faculty use as well as providing specific resources for educating faculty on how best to integrate technology into the classroom.

To find out more about The King's Academy and JDL Technologies, visit [www.TKA.net](http://www.TKA.net) and [www.jdltech.com](http://www.jdltech.com). To keep up to the latest on both, follow the King's Academy and JDL Technologies on Twitter: [@TKAWPB](https://twitter.com/TKAWPB) [@TKAClew](https://twitter.com/TKAClew) [@TKALions](https://twitter.com/TKALions) [@TKABands](https://twitter.com/TKABands) [@JDLTechnologies](https://twitter.com/JDLTechnologies)