



iConnectTMA

Vision

The Master's Academy is excited to embark on fresh vision for high school education. iConnectTMA is a technological initiative integrating iPads into our current high school curriculum. TMA has six learning goals for the iConnectTMA initiative: Adaptability, Collaboration, Innovation, Creativity, Productivity, and Ethics. TMA is committed to integrating these goals into our biblically centered curriculum, providing a world class, 21st century Christian education.

Adaptability

Adaptability has always been an essential skill; however, with the pace of change in our world, it could be argued that becoming adaptable has increased in value. Technology changes rapidly and new technological solutions and products are introduced at a staggering pace. It is impossible to train every individual on every new program; however, TMA believes that the iConnectTMA initiative will foster the development of adaptable students as they learn to integrate the iPad into their daily educational routines, culminating in students that are equipped to engage the technological tsunami of our day.

Collaboration

Traditional schools isolate learners, forcing them to forge ahead individually, ignoring the importance and prevalence of collaboration in the "real" world. The iConnectTMA initiative will encourage students to connect to each other and to students around the nation and the world. Many suggest the world is becoming "flatter" and TMA is prepared to teach students, through the implementation of iPad technology, how to engage, interact, and minister to a world that is increasingly close.

Innovation

Change is constant and rapid. The 21st century student is entering a technological world where the problem of tomorrow has yet to be found. Therefore, students need to be taught to innovate new solutions to new problems. Whether the problem is data storage or which device is the proper device, students will be facing a myriad of decisions in the future. iConnectTMA will encourage students to engage problems, technological or otherwise, challenging students to find innovative solutions.



Creativity

Creativity is similar to innovation in that new solutions are sought; however, creativity extends innovation by encouraging divergent thinking. Attacking problems in a traditional manner often produces traditional solutions. iConnectTMA will encourage students to think creatively, encouraging divergent thinking. When students are innovative and creative, they will be primed to engage the technological world.

Productivity

Whenever we work, we produce. All of us seek to become more efficient and often employ technology to assist us in becoming more productive. While technology has the ability to increase productivity, simply acquiring more technological tools does not deliver increased productivity. We need to be taught to be productive, especially when the means to productivity is technological. iConnectTMA will integrate productivity strategies into the current curriculum, encouraging students to develop skills that will increase their productivity.

Ethics

Each of the above goals is essential in a 21st century education; however, isolated from sound biblical teaching, these skills are futile. The Master's Academy, from its founding 25 years ago, has been committed to educating students within the framework of Scripture. While the pace of technological change seems to be accelerating exponentially, our God is the same yesterday, today, and forever (Hebrews 13:8). The Gospel is as powerful and essential today as it was before the Internet. iConnectTMA will encourage students to think about leveraging technology for the Kingdom and will produce students that are adaptable, collaborative, innovative, creative, and productive for God's glory.