

INTERWRITE Lessons

Mayville Community School District

Leaping Ahead in Technology

Needing a way to improve test scores and armed with a small federal grant, the Mayville Community Schools began researching ways to change the way they teach their students. Their final solution included the InterWrite SchoolBoard and InterWrite SchoolPad.

Changing the Way You Teach

"We had to ask ourselves, do we want to continue doing the same old, same old," said Superintendent Bob Smith, "or do we want to do something that will benefit the students and teachers in a way that no other school in Michigan has done?"

The school began researching the material a full year before deciding to go forward. Smith said that they decided to go with this technology because research indicated that it worked well in other schools and has proven to be more cost effective in the long run.

Each Mayville School has been equipped with two of the InterWrite SchoolBoards as well as nine of the InterWrite SchoolPads.

Enhancing the Learning Experience

The InterWrite SchoolBoards are being rolled from class to class and allow teachers to capture notes written or drawn on its surface. These notes are being saved and printed out, posted to the web or e-mailed to students. Teachers have been able to transform classrooms into more productive and interactive

environments by allowing students to listen and more actively participate instead of just taking notes.

The InterWrite SchoolPads enable students to project their own handwritten notes on the board without leaving their seats. This gives every student the opportunity to interact with the materials at hand and to participate in the lesson.

Both the SchoolBoard and the SchoolPad give students and teachers the ability to control their computer from the SchoolBoard at the front of the class or from anywhere in the room using the SchoolPad.

A Model for Success

Since implementing the InterWrite School Suite, Bob Smith has seen a positive impact on the classroom environment within the district. Mr. Smith comments, "It's really very exciting. Students can access any instructional material whether in a lab or classroom. These classrooms have become more productive and more interactive through the use of the InterWrite School Suite."



With the SchoolBoard, students electronically capture notes using a projector and electronic pens



With the SchoolPad, teachers can present problems and hand the SchoolPad to students to answer without leaving their desk.

*Photos of a different school

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