

Technical Revolution

Cove School District, Oregon

A Case Study

It has been two years since the Cove School District began on the road to advancing its schools technology. The change was led by Superintendent Jeff Clark when he attended an education technology conference. Clark knew he needed to bring his district from one virtually without technology to one that teaches its students interactively almost exclusively.



The perfect solution to address his district's needs was found when Clark saw a demonstration on the Interwrite Pad. The demonstration showed him that the Interwrite Pad enhanced the resources of every teacher and student by providing interaction with every program available on a computer. It also provided a free range of mobility that cut the chord that tethered his teachers to the chalkboard.

The Least Shall Be First

A few weeks before the beginning of the new school year, Clark decided to have one of his least technologically advanced teachers, Lisa Murchison, conduct a trial experiment with the Interwrite Pad. Her task was simple: Use the Interwrite Pad and incorporate it into your lessons. Upon using the product, Murchison was impressed with how easy-to-use the Interwrite Pad was. She quickly made it the staple in how she would teach her lessons. Before class, Murchison prepared her lessons using the Interwrite Software that came included with the Interwrite Pad. During class, the slides containing difficult mathematical concepts were presented to her students interactively along with other educational computer programs.

Murchison also discovered that she saved time during each class because the Interwrite Pad is wireless. Whether it was stopping in the middle of a lesson to help a student at their desk or waiting for a student to come to the front of the room to answer a problem, the class always featured some type of down time. Now, she could continue teaching while walking to a student's desk or hand the Interwrite Pad to a student to answer a question at the front of the classroom from their seat. It eliminated a lot of potential disruptions. "It's a new way of learning. The kids love it!" said Murchison.

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Pressure From Students

Clark has never heard a complaint from his teachers about the Interwrite Pad. He did, however, hear one from the students. They wanted to know why other teachers were not using it. It had revolutionized the way they take notes. The result of the questions: An increasing number of teachers asked to get an Interwrite Pad for their classrooms.

Over the past two years, nearly every teacher- elementary through high school- in the Cove County School District has incorporated the Interwrite Pad into his or her lessons. Interwrite Software has provided geography teachers with tools like maps and digital ink, allowing them to now teach things in a whole new way.

In Carol Hindman's third grade class, Interwrite Software has replaced the drop down map because she can now physically draw the Mayflower voyage rather than trace it with her fingers like before then save it for use later.

Emphasizing the popularity of the Interwrite Pad in his district's classrooms, Clark states, "This technology sold itself to the teachers. I found it hard to keep up with their demand to use the technology." He has also noted that teachers are able to better manage their classrooms and the students are more engaged than they were before.



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