

What Kentucky educators say...

About the Interactive Classroom System

What we were looking for originally was some kind of wow factor that would wake a kid up in the back of the room, one who never was interested and was bored with school. We accomplished that, but we accomplished a lot more, too.

This system helps the students to become part not only of the learning process but actually part of teaching process as well, with the teacher becoming a facilitator. When you get that child in front of the room, where he is in fact teaching his peers, it gives him another level of understanding, but it does another thing too. It builds his self confidence. If he's down on himself and has poor self esteem, learning is very difficult. But when you get that total class participation, get that kid performing and feeling good about himself, you make a great stride.

We're a small district, but we have these systems installed in about 60 classrooms, and we're adding more.

–Larry Williams, Superintendent, Allen County Schools, Scottsdale, KY

Our students are very excited about this, because it breaks the standard lecture format that we're all so used to seeing, and it helps engage them. Teachers can bring them up to the board so it becomes interactive. It's not students versus teachers, it's students and teachers working together now.

I'll be honest with you. When the decision was made to install

this technology, I was concerned. I didn't think certain of our teachers would accept it. But instead I've seen a dramatic appreciation for the technology, an enthusiasm. Teachers have been very engaged.

–Dean Smith, Computer System Administrator, Monroe County School District, Tompkinsville, KY

In addition to the basic systems, we purchased a set of ACTIVvotes for each school. So now the teacher can create a real time quiz and hand out the ACTIVvotes. As they go over a concept, they can put a question up on the screen and the kids can respond. As a teacher, I know it can be very difficult to go back and reteach a concept. But with this system, you get immediate feedback.

–Pat Stewart, Director of Technology, Warren County Public Schools, Bowling Green, KY

Our kids are up, moving and shaking. Our teachers are using the systems extensively. Students are actively involved in them. These may be the great equalizer in that you are able to use them with gifted kids and special needs kids as well. From my perspective, they're really helping us to meet the needs of every child regardless of what level they are on.

–George Wilson, Superintendent, Monroe County School District, Tompkinsville, KY

About SWC and the Dukane/Promethean team

We've put in 658 systems so far. When we first started this, I was wondering, are we crazy? But Promethean, Dukane and South Western have been very responsive to any issues that we've come across. It really has gone well.

–Pat Stewart, Director of Technology, Warren County Public Schools, Bowling Green, KY

Dukane has been just absolutely terrific. There has never been a situation or an issue that's come up that they have not made sure it's been resolved in a timely, professional manner. One of the big deciding factors for us was the five year warranty. They must believe in the product if they're going to stand behind it for five years...

Grover Daly, the field supervisor at SWC is amazing. He made this job go so smoothly, because of his desire to make sure a

job is done and done right. I'm in the process of completing a 33 classroom setup with SWC, and I know they go out of their way to make sure the job is done in a clean manner. I'm very pleased with their installs.

–Dean Smith, Computer System Administrator, Monroe County School District, Tompkinsville, KY

South Western Communications has been really aggressive about the installation of our systems, and I've been really pleased with their attention to detail in meeting the classroom needs. To place almost 700 systems in a six month period is quite a task. They've taken care of whatever issue, without question. The installation has gone extremely well.

–Dale Brown, Superintendent, Warren County Public Schools, Bowling Green, KY



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