

INTERWRITE Lessons

Coeur d'Alene High School Coeur d'Alene, ID

Mike Nelson is a Spanish teacher at Coeur d'Alene High School in Coeur D'Alene, Idaho. Like many schools, Coeur d'Alene has put a lot of emphasis on using technology to enhance the classroom learning experience. Mike's classroom is equipped with a computer, Internet connectivity, and a ceiling mounted projector. The InterWrite SchoolPad has become an essential component in Mike's technology-based classroom environment.

Adding Interactivity to the Classroom

Since learning about the SchoolPad from another teacher, Mike has made it an integral part of his daily lessons. "The SchoolPad has made me a better teacher," Mike states. "I am no longer stuck at the front of the classroom. I no longer have to turn my back to the students to

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write on the board. Rather, I can walk around the room and interact with the students from anywhere in the classroom and engage them more readily in the lesson."

Encouraging Participation

Mike is not the only one using the SchoolPad in his classroom; he often passes the SchoolPad to a student to use. "The students have responded well to the SchoolPad," states Mike. "It empowers them like

never before to interact with the materials that I use in class."

Exploring Different Cultures

Mike has found that the tools and functionality provided by the SchoolPad's InterWrite Software work great with the wide variety of materials that he uses to teach his lessons. On some days, he adds annotations to a presentation on cultural history using InterWrite's wide selection of annotation tools. On other days, he uses the SchoolPad to remotely run a streaming video, or other instructional software.

In addition to using the SchoolPad and InterWrite Software to remotely run applications and annotate presentations, Mike uses InterWrite's new features to good advantage in the classroom. "The InterWrite Software is great," Mike comments. "The extensive collection of maps in the new Picture Gallery enabled me to easily teach a well-illustrated lesson on Mexico. The new Multicolor Pen and Stamper tools have been terrific for grabbing and keeping my students' attention."

Spreading the Word

In addition to his role as a Spanish teacher, Mike also serves as a technology coordinator in the school district. "The SchoolPad has been such a huge success that I have shared it with the other teachers through our *Tech Talk* series," states Mike. "The reaction from them has been tremendous, as well."



Mike Nelson uses the SchoolPad to interact with his students.



"The SchoolPad is outstanding. It has revolutionized the way I teach."

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