

INTERWRITE Lessons

Newport Harbor High School Newport Beach, California

Debbie Pipes, teacher and Math Department Chair, teaches Algebra and Geometry at Newport Harbor High School in Newport Beach California. Although her lecture style of teaching has not changed much over the years, her integration of technology into her classroom has allowed her to “bring the presentation of material into the 21st century”. By using the InterWrite SchoolPad, Debbie is able to engage her students in a far more dynamic way.

Teaching from Anywhere in the Classroom

With her computer image projected on a standard pull-down screen in the front of the classroom, Debbie uses the wireless InterWrite SchoolPad to control her computer and run her application. Since the SchoolPad is wireless, Debbie has the freedom to circulate around the classroom, assisting individual students, while still controlling her lesson projected in front.

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“In the old days, we used a blackboard, but you had to turn your back to the student. The overhead projector fixed that issue, but it restricted the teacher to one location in the class. Now, with the SchoolPad, I can teach from anywhere in the room. I can walk among the students and see how they are doing on an assignment. I can even pass the SchoolPad to one

of my Algebra students, for example, and let them solve a problem right from their seat.”

Typical Lesson

For a typical day's lesson, Debbie scans images from a textbook or creates a PowerPoint presentation. Then, she uses the pen and highlighter features in InterWrite Software to annotate a key point and to focus the students' attention on the key aspects of the lesson. She also uses the Reveal Curtain within InterWrite to expose one row of problems at a time.

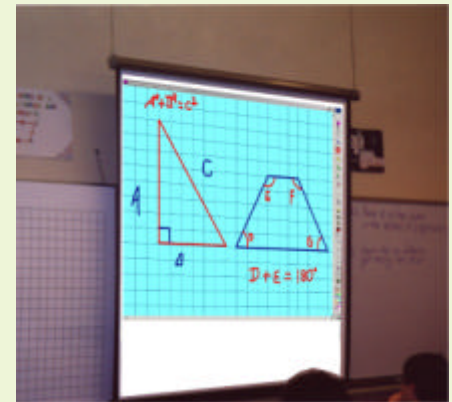
“InterWrite is very easy and convenient to use,” notes Debbie. “I can pull a blank page and quickly draw a shape, for example. Change colors and illustrate how to determine the perimeter and area of the object. And since all my annotations are saved automatically, I can easily go back and review our discussion from earlier in the class if a student has a question.”

Everyone Benefits

Since beginning to use the InterWrite SchoolPad, Debbie has noticed a positive impact on her students. “The SchoolPad allows me reach the students on a more visual basis and that certainly has helped the students' absorption of the lesson” Debbie states. As for her, Debbie notes, “I love the SchoolPad. I use it everyday in every class. It has given me a real boost to my teaching.”



Teacher Debbie Pipes uses the InterWrite SchoolPad from the back of the classroom so she can “see what the students see.”



InterWrite Software is being used to teach a lesson on calculating the area and perimeter of shapes.



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