



Weber School District Engages Students with Interactive Resources



Issue

The staff at Weber School District (WSD), located north of Salt Lake City in Ogden, Utah, takes pride in making technology and digital resources available to its students across the curriculum. Administrators are committed to providing educational experiences that prepare each student to enter the workforce with the skills they need and the motivation to become life-long learners.

The fifth largest school district in Utah, WSD recently implemented a projector system into each classroom along with interactive whiteboards. They needed to complement these systems with a high-quality speaker that would engage students in the activities at-hand.

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“Our students are involved with many technology-based activities throughout the year, including posting blogs, creating videos, and podcasting. Having a good speaker in the classroom is essential,” said Nicole Slauch, a second grade teacher at West Haven Elementary School in the district.

Implementation

WSD chose to purchase more than 200 units of the Califone PresentationPro™ Speaker, to connect with each classroom’s projector and interactive whiteboard system. The district’s technology staff appreciated the single-speaker system as it best fit the needs of their classrooms.

The PresentationPro speaker provides WSD educators with high-quality audio support, while seamlessly connecting to the LCD projectors, interactive whiteboards, multimedia players, DVD/VCRs, and computers for enhanced visual and audio learning.

WSD chose to install the speakers in each classroom – the PresentationPro line of speakers is available as installed or portable, wired or wireless, and can be used for indoor or outdoor functions. A PresentationPro unit accepts one wireless and two wired microphones at the same time, offers a 16-channel UHF microphone receiver, and has a line output to additional wired speakers for larger presentations.

Complete wired and wireless systems include one PresentationPro speaker, a wireless volume/mute remote control with a choice of a hands-free or a handheld wireless microphone, and an optional tripod and hard or soft carrying case. These features allow WSD educators to seamlessly transition from one activity to another without disrupting class participation.



Results

“Before we had the PresentationPro Speakers, we used our computer speakers, which could not reach all of our students all the time. Now, my entire class can hear the video or any other digital resource I might be using,” Slauch concluded.

WSD incorporates technology throughout the school’s curriculum, such as the PresentationPro line of speakers, to support its mission to create “a child-centered school district where each student is given multiple opportunities to achieve his/her academic, social, emotional, and physical potential.”