

Stafford Public Schools

A School District Continues to Shine with Interactive Classroom Technology

A nationally recognized school district integrates interactive classroom technology to boost engagement and student learning

The Challenge

[Stafford Public Schools](#) (Stafford Springs, CT) consistently strives to drive learning so that, according to their mission statement, prepares their students “to assume productive, meaningful, and responsible roles in an increasingly competitive global society.” All the schools in the district are 1:1 and this past school year, have implemented a hybrid learning model – students learning from home and in-class.

Before forging a relationship with Mimio® Education by [Boxlight](#), Stafford classrooms had a mix of SMART boards and RM units. While the technology was good, overall teacher and student use was low. Generally, teachers were not confident about incorporating tech in their instructional practice, so the decision-making team wanted a positive change to boost engagement for all. Their goal was to find an interactive product suite that could be used throughout the district. In this way, each staff member would receive training using the same education technology.

Snapshot

- Approximately 1500 students enrolled in 5 schools - 2 primary, 1 elementary, 1 MS, 1 HS
- Strong rate of students entering post-secondary education upon graduation with a 10-year average of 85%
- Recognized in 2017 by U.S. News and World Report as Silver Award Winner for America’s Best High Schools
- Named 2018 Michael’s Cup Unified Middle School of the Year

Key Solution

The district invested in a Mimio educational suite that included an interactive whiteboard, document camera, classroom software, and wireless tablet. The products are simple to set up and user friendly, save teachers time when, and was cost effective.

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- [MimioTeach™](#) portable interactive whiteboard converts any dry erase board into a full-featured interactive whiteboard. Used with a computer and projector, stimulate increased class discussions and motivation with a large projected display.
- [MimioStudio™](#) classroom software allows teachers to create interactive lessons and assessments in a few minutes. This software is versatile enough to directly open content created in SMART Notebook and ActiveInspire, and other third-party content.
- [MimioView™](#) document camera projects clear, detailed, high definition 4K pictures or live video. Manipulatives, pages from a book, worksheets, and more can be easily seen by the class.
- [MimioPad™](#) wireless pen tablet allows teachers to move freely around the classroom while controlling MimioStudio lessons and activities on the board. Control can also be shared with students, adding a dimension of interactivity to collaborative learning.

Lynn Erickson, Technology Integration Specialist at Stafford Public Schools, comments, “We have used these products over the years in all classrooms with our math, science, and social studies programs.” In the middle and high

school classes, especially math and reading classes, lessons and games are developed using MimioStudio software. The lessons are uploaded to a shared drive for teachers to access, personalize, and use.

Erickson, a [Boxlight-Mimio certified](#) trainer, is part of a team that helps staff navigate the Mimio suite of products through training, coaching, and ongoing support. Erickson says, “Staff are all trained using the same equipment. We developed several support mechanisms such as Mimio Experts in the district and had a train-the-trainer approach to support staff. Several staff became Mimio certified and supported staff as well.”

Benefits

Since implementing Mimio Education products in their classrooms, Stafford teachers’ confidence and use of the classroom suite has grown. Because of this, student engagement has also improved. Collaboration and student learning achievement has an added level of dynamic interaction with Boxlight technology, and we are thankful to Stafford Public Schools for their continued support and partnership.

