

## Buy Me: Interactive Whiteboards

Interactive whiteboards can provide the ideal solution for bringing collaboration into any classroom with options that range from freestanding or wall mounted to putting interactive slates directly into the hands of students. They link the teacher's desktop to a projector and a screen that can be controlled with the touch of a finger or a stylus offering a way for students to get involved and stay focused. Interactive whiteboards enable the teacher to step away from the desk and take and establish a more visual role at the front of the classroom without losing control of digital content. With the touch of a finger teachers have the ability to pause a video or slideshow so that they can take questions from students. Interactive whiteboards help teachers keep the lecture running smoothly and efficiently while maintaining the attention of their students.

While the static images of traditional whiteboards are lost as soon as the lesson ends, information posted on an interactive whiteboard can be saved, presented to students later, revisited by the teacher or even used to keep absent students up-to-date. Products like Polyvision's eno mini connect students to the lesson even further by putting interactive whiteboard technology directly into their hands. The eno mini is essentially a miniature interactive whiteboard that allows students



anywhere in the room to collaborate without leaving the comfort of their desk. This new and exciting means of participation can help bring shy students out of their shells or involve students who did not exhibit strong classroom participation skills. Additionally, the teacher maintains control of their classroom by keeping students in their seats and not moving around distracting other students.

Although educational environments may be the most popular application for interactive whiteboards, they can also be valuable additions anywhere presentation tools are used. Professional and strategy planning meetings can become more effective with an easy a display that enables collaboration.

Not only do interactive whiteboards facilitate learning for students of all ages, they help develop social skills by encouraging public speaking and group participation. Interactive whiteboards ensure personal and academic growth by giving students a way to become an active part of their lessons.

Familiar programs like those included in Microsoft Office make the transition to interactive whiteboards easy while new programs allow teachers to expand their lessons.

Interactive whiteboards offer an image large enough for an entire conference room to see that is also able to be instantly changed to reflect evolving plans and strategies. It allows greater participation for all present and can be saved for a more accurate reference than personal notes or erasable images.

## Rent Me: VTC Collaboration

Many businesses have already discovered the many benefits of utilizing video teleconferencing (VTC) in their everyday business. While saving time, money and resources are important, ensuring your message retains its impact without being face-to-face is just as vital to business functions. Sometimes VTC needs more than just the person delivering the message and there are many ways to fulfill those needs with VTC collaboration.

VTC collaboration incorporates the use of presentation aids into your conference, enhancing your presentation without distracting from your message. From projectors and document cameras to whiteboards and flipcharts there are presentation aids to fit every market.

Teachers can benefit from including applications such as PowerPoint in their lectures by using a projector in the VTC. This gives teachers the power to freely lecture and gesture to visuals while ensuring their VTC audience is able to clearly see text and images as they would face-to-face. Businesses holding strategy and planning meetings can share information and data digitally through like interactive displays or through traditional flipcharts and whiteboards. Doctors and lawyers can use document cameras to display medical charts or 3D evidence in greater detail, doing so over a secured network connection.

The application of VTC collaboration is practically endless and gives VTC participant access to all the programs and resources they would have in a well equipped board room. For more information on how VTC collaboration can benefit your business, contact CONCEPTS AV Integration.

### VTC Collaboration Tools:

Projector Systems

Interactive Displays

Document Cameras

Additional screens

Digital Audio and Video Recorders

Wireless and Headset Microphones

DVD player

Traditional Flipcharts and Easels

Whiteboards

To simplify you VTC experience CONCEPTS AV Integration also offers the use of operators who can assist with running equipment or digitally record presentations for future use.

