

# Croce-Morelli Public Middle School

Case Study, Turin, Italy



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## SMART Board interactive whiteboard facilitates flexible teaching at Croce-Morelli Public Middle School

Croce-Morelli Public Middle School in Turin, Italy, has a large population of students with special needs, including students with speech challenges. The school is located in a multiethnic neighborhood that is often the first destination of immigrants to the city. Some students whose first language is not Italian must learn both a new language and curriculum. Teachers and administrators focus on developing personalized learning methods to help the students adapt to the new social environment.

The school's teaching staff uses strategies that promote learning through cooperation and nurture students' interpersonal development with adults and peers. Croce-Morelli teachers are dedicated to implementing teaching tools that can accommodate the different skill levels of their students and foster the creation of participatory and interactive classrooms.

The SMART Board™ interactive whiteboard has engaged students in the learning process, facilitated group participation and individual learning strategies, and has enabled teachers to add interactive elements into their lesson plans.

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Teachers who use the interactive whiteboard can support a variety of learning styles and skill levels. Lesson plans integrate collaborative activities, individualized lessons, brainstorming sessions and problem-solving exercises. The interactive whiteboard has strengthened the communication of concepts, especially for students with special needs and students who are not fluent in Italian.

Students with speech challenges are benefiting from the creation of labs containing interactive whiteboards. The labs become spaces for them to communicate in visual, tactile and kinesthetic ways and share their opinions with their teachers and peers. The interactive whiteboard is touch sensitive, so it allows them to use a finger to pinpoint and move pictures in order to understand sequences and create new stories.

### Challenge

Incorporate technology into the classroom that will benefit a diverse student population.

### SMART Solution

SMART Board interactive whiteboard

### Result

Teachers are able to communicate more effectively with special needs students and students who are not fluent in Italian.

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Enrico Galotto, a teacher at the school, considers the SMART Board interactive whiteboard and Notebook™ software to be beneficial for the entire school and ideal for students with different skill sets.

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Teachers and administrators incorporate films and streaming audio and video into the curriculum using the SMART Board interactive whiteboard. Students’ motivation and participation has increased because the interactive whiteboard is aimed at the learning and communication styles of students who

use multimedia tools often. The interactive whiteboard encourages creativity and allows for students to take an active role in the lesson planning.

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Flexibility in teaching methods is a necessity when instructing students with varying skills. Teachers at Croce-Morelli Public Middle School have found that the SMART Board interactive whiteboard allows them to adapt to the specific needs of each student in the school.

## About SMART

SMART Technologies Inc. is both the industry pioneer and global education market segment leader in easy-to-use interactive whiteboards and other group collaboration tools. The award-winning SMART Board interactive whiteboard is the most widely installed interactive whiteboard in the world. Many school jurisdictions have standardized on the product, which is used to provide interactive learning opportunities and enhance student achievement in more than 450,000 classrooms spanning every U.S. state, every Canadian province, every Local Authority in the UK and in more than 100 countries worldwide. SMART products also include interactive pen displays, interactive digital signage, wireless slates and software. Using SMART products, groups can access and share the information they need to meet, teach, train and present. SMART’s education customers include New York City Board of Education (U.S.), Oxford University (UK), Kobe City Board of Education (Japan), Barnier Public School (Australia), University of Ottawa (Canada), United World College (Singapore), Stephen-Hawking-Schule Neckargemuend (Germany), Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind (U.S.) and Harvard University (U.S.).



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