



# Ensuring inclusive access to learning

## South Washington County Schools' purposeful tech integration

Made possible with the SMART Board MX

### Challenges

- Ensure all students have equitable access to learning experiences
- Integrate existing technologies with SMART Interactive Displays

### Solutions

- Deploy the SMART Board MX
- Integrate audio tools that support students with cochlear implants with the SMART Boards
- Integrate SMART Boards with student devices to increase student engagement

### Benefits

- Equitable access for all students
- Access to teacher tools like
- Increased audio enhancements
- Creating connections between students, teachers and learning

Stepping into the classrooms of South Washington County Schools, one can clearly see the careful consideration to get every student engaged in learning. Their recent technology investment isn't just about screens and gadgets; it's a heartfelt commitment to **creating inclusive and accessible learning experiences.**

Recognizing the need for a **district-wide technology transformation**, the team embarked on a journey that went beyond adopting tools. Early adopters of SMART Boards, the district always emphasized the importance of enhancing the learning experience.

**"It's the vision of the 'why.' That's the more important piece."**  
 ~ Bob Berkowitz, Director of Technology.

The team understood that technology wasn't just a tool; it was a bridge to innovative learning experiences. As devices poured into the district, the urgency to transform technology into meaningful learning

experiences and connect students with learning became paramount.

### Making a difference in students and teachers daily lives

The impact of technology is profound in SoWashCo classrooms. The commitment to classroom technology stems from the belief that **standard platforms ensure consistent education**, fostering an environment where **every student receives an equitable learning** experience. Interactive displays from SMART are no exception.

Bob Berkowitz, Director of Technology, highlights a groundbreaking initiative pairing SMART Displays with an audio enhancement system for students with hearing impairments. This innovative approach not only amplifies the teacher's voice but provides an **immersive experience for all students**, regardless of their abilities. It's a testament to the district's dedication to equity and inclusion.





# ENSURING INCLUSIVE ACCESS FOR ALL STUDENTS

Technology connects us. That's an integral part of SMART's mission, to support the connections that matter. Teachers at SoWashCo utilize Lumio and SMART to connect with their students and connect students to knowledge. SMART offers a range of specialist features and tools to ensure learning is tailored and accessible.

## Discover the possibilities of SMART Tool Explorer technology:

The SMART Board 6000S or 6000S Pro series interactive display's Tool Explorer platform enables students to use a range of different pens, objects, and manipulatives that are automatically recognised the moment they contact the display's screen. The entire screen can recognise a Tool Explorer-enabled object automatically, so there's no need to select a tool type before you use a tool or manipulative.

Tool explorer's dice offers a crucial non-verbal method of communication that can foster interaction and collaboration – with pupils and other staff. SEND students can interact and contribute physically with an infinite number of lesson templates, with pre-set graphics. Furthermore, the Tool Explorer accessories and multiple points of simultaneous touch offered by the 6000s v3 foster opportunities for students to co-operate and work together on the class board, fostering social collaboration and problem-solving skills together.

“As a chain of schools who cater for a range of special educational needs, our teaching staff feel the ongoing battle of coming up with creative teaching that motivates engagement, meets learners' needs, and most importantly increases their short attention span. This is a skill, but one that is time consuming. SMART interactive displays, Tool Explorer and Lumio has relieved the pressure, cut the time for planning, and armed our staff with a plethora of resources to make their lessons fun and engaging through technology. ”

**David Cowell, Managing Director of ALP Schools, a chain of Independent Special Needs Schools**

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## DESIGNED FOR ACCESSIBILITY

- 40 amount of points of touch
- Responsiveness
- Templates and resources to easily diversify work
- Brightness, contrast and audio enhancements

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