

DIGITAL ENHANCEMENT FOR BRIGHTER FUTURES

The Vanguard School Receives Grant for Educational Technology

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Paoli, PA – The Vanguard School recently received a grant in the amount of \$12,495.00 that will support Educational Technology initiatives. Within the scope of this forward-thinking project are 5 Tablet PC's and 5 Digital Projectors. In an age when Differentiated Instruction and guided discoveries are not only prominent but absolutely necessary, digital materials extend a welcome support.

Tablet PC's are handheld devices on which a student or Instructional Assistant can manually take notes, then flip open to translate into a word document. Additionally, handwriting on the PC can support pictures with captions for visual impact and increased potential for committing concepts to memory.

Digital Projectors allow teachers a 3-dimensional avenue by which to demonstrate various tasks, particularly in the sciences, but really among all of the discipline areas. Since the students who attend Vanguard tend to learn best under highly visual & kinesthetic circumstances, this installment will provide an appropriate and up-to-date feature for excellence in Special Education.

Projects like this are tremendously important because they are student-centered and relate to a specific need: visual learning. Further, it is the mission of the Vanguard School to provide a comprehensive education that thoroughly incorporates hands-on, experiential learning – these are two devices which unequivocally meet that need.

Teachers will receive professional development on how to use the equipment from highly qualified in-house professionals. After a period of teacher-led introductions to the materials, students will have the opportunity to experiment with the devices, create new ideas and learn to think critically during the process. This type of access to highly digitized operations will better prepare students for the technological village which exists outside of the campus. The overall goal is to support student learning, increase classroom performances and assist students in making the transition from school to real-life. Professionals at Vanguard look forward to seeing many more advancements similar to this one, which promote critical thinking skills and allow students to view the world from multiple perspectives.

Digital Projectors:



picture from www.venturaes.com

Tablet PC's



picture from www.laptoping.com

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