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Study Links Interactive Whiteboards with Improved Student Performance

A report on the impact of interactive technology on student achievement reveals that using interactive whiteboards results in improved test scores, especially in subjects such as English, math and science. The report, examined the results of 17 studies between 2007 and 2012. The following outcomes were among its key findings: interactive whiteboard use results in improved student performance in national tests in English, math and science, compared to student performance without interactive whiteboards; digital content on interactive whiteboards is engaging, motivating, and students pay more attention during lessons; and interactive whiteboard use encourages greater student participation in the classroom.

The study also suggests that schools new to interactive learning need to be patient when measuring its impact on education. During the early period of adoption, results might not seem to justify the investment, and then, in the words of the study's authors, "suddenly everything takes off and the added value of using interactive technology is considerable."

Creating special spaces can improve participation

The average food service program struggles with lack of participation, loss of revenue and a poor traffic flow, discipline problems, and an institutional feel. Schools implementing new cafeteria designs Food service directors are challenged to create distinctly different atmospheres in cafeterias. They are also challenged to increase seating capacity per lunch period. Additionally, schools need areas to promote school pride. Develop unique, comfortable atmospheres that bring the spaces to life – one more soothing area for students to eat and chat, and one more energetic, playful area for students to gather and share. Through each unique environment, create a space that encourages student's loyalty and commitment to school pride.

Best Practice Learning Community

Embracing the vision of a Best Practice Learning Community, an administrative team and the IS director can become a driving force in a school district through the creation of a data warehouse. What is a data warehouse? A data warehouse brings all your data together in one place where you can explore the relationships over time between things like student achievement and attendance or teachers' professional development and teacher effectiveness. If built correctly, a data warehouse is definitely not just an "add-on" to a district's student information system. Ultimately and gradually over time a district's warehouse grows and evolves into a learning hub for all to access, use, and improve over time.

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