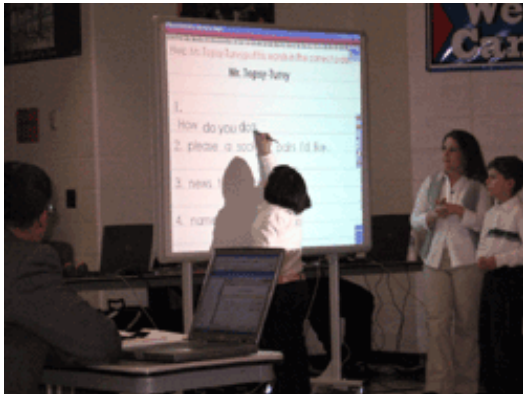


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Fulton County Schools using technology in the classroom

At the January Board of Education Meeting, Creek View Elementary School gave a presentation on the 21st Century Grant. Creek View is one of four elementary schools in the state to receive the grant. The grant, from the Georgia Department of Education, provides:



Ms. Klaus and her students demonstrated the use of the interactive whiteboard during a presentation to the Board of Education

- Three interactive whiteboards ([click here](#) for information on teaching with interactive whiteboards and/or [click here](#) for research on their use)
- Five desktop computers
- Ten [Alpha Smart Neo's](#) (handheld keyboards)
- Interactive voting system hardware that allows students to interact with the whiteboard for multiple choice questions
- Thirty-two licenses for [Kidspiration](#)
- A mini DV video camera
- Wireless school and campus
- Professional training for staff
- Technical support from vendors



Superintendent Wilson congratulates Ms. Holcomb on her efforts in obtaining the grant as well as the presentation

[Click here](#) for details on the purpose and goals of the grant.

Creek View teacher Heidi Holcomb, who applied for the grant, is serving as the school's 21st Century Technology Project Manager. Ms. Holcomb presented to the Board with the assistance of teacher Danielle Klaus and three of her students. Ms. Klaus and students demonstrated their use of the whiteboard.

Ms. Holcomb and Creek View are collaborating with Evoline C. West Elementary School. Evoline C. West has 23 interactive whiteboards. The schools are collecting data on the effect of technology's use in the classroom. The data is intended to assist the schools in developing best practices to share with all Fulton County schools. As part of her presentation, Ms. Holcomb recognized Evoline C. West Principal Nancy Said and teachers Caroline Cartin, Debra Clinkscales and Brad Corbett, who attended the meeting.

Creek View's PTA has raised funds for 15 additional interactive boards. The school's goal is to have a board in every classroom by the end of the 2006-2007 school year. Creek View's PTA Vice President of Academic Affairs Mary Kaye Pepperman spoke to the Board regarding their commitment to assist the school in meeting its goal.

Ms. Holcomb believes the technology is an important teaching tool to meet the needs of all learners. She recently completed her Masters of Education in Technology Integration and recommends Marc Prensky's research on the current generation of "digital natives." Mr. Prensky's article, "Digital Natives, Digital Immigrants" and others are available by [clicking here](#).

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