

Part of the mission of Timber Creek High School is to provide students with the tools to become motivated life-long learners. As a result, World Languages Curriculum Leader Gudrun Martyny encouraged the school to apply for a SANAKO technology grant. With the SANAKO Study 1200 installed, she quickly realized that it was helping to fulfill the goal of providing motivating learning experiences.

Timber Creek High School, Orlando, Florida

- Established in 2001
- Largest high school in Orange County, Florida
- Student population of 4,010
- Languages taught: American Sign Language, Chinese, French, German, Latin, Russian and Spanish
- 1,867 students enrolled in World Languages Program

A Leading Institution

Established in 2001, Timber Creek is a public high school located in Orlando, Florida, with a student population of 4,010. It is the largest high school in Orange County, and is the easternmost high school in the county serving a community of a wide range of families. The school serves students who move there from different parts of the world, as well as those who come from established homes in rural towns to the east.

Although a relatively young institution, Timber Creek has already established itself as a leader in different areas: It was selected to receive a SANAKO Study Software technology grant, and was the Florida State Spanish Competition Champions, Fluent Speaker Division. Timber Creek also received a Five Star School Award for exemplary community involvement.

There are currently 1,867 students enrolled in the Timber Creek World Languages program, which offers 5 modern languages, plus Latin and American Sign Language. The World Language Department is the largest in Orange County, with 15 full time teachers teaching 7 languages. Timber Creek is the first public high school in the State of Florida to teach Mandarin Chinese.

SANAKO Study 1200

- Software language learning system
- Extensive lesson preparation features
- Lesson delivery made easy
- Classroom management features for student control and monitoring
- Multi-layered communication options for guidance and feedback

Instant Feedback for Students

Timber Creek was one of two schools selected to participate in the SANAKO Premier Partner Program. This meant the school received the SANAKO Study 1200 language teaching solution, set up for 30 students. World Languages Curriculum Leader Gudrun Martyny says teachers are currently using MP3 audio files with the system, which makes it very easy and portable. She added, "We are at this time able to conduct our AP® assessments in this lab, which is a 100% improvement from carrying large tape recorders and audio tapes to UCF for testing."

Teachers at Timber Creek have found that Study 1200 is a very different kind of language lab. The students love it because they receive instant feedback via voice and desktop applications and they are able to interact with one another; the teachers love it because the student products are extremely portable and it is user friendly.



With SANAKO Study 1200 students at Timber Creek have become motivated learners.



Immediate Benefits with SANAKO Study 1200

- Ability to use modern desktop applications in learning
- Immediate feedback for students
- Many opportunities for teacher-student and students-student interaction
- Easy approach to differentiated teaching
- Efficient tools for student monitoring and assistance
- Digital teaching and learning materials easy to manage and work with at any location



Students can interact with each other and receive support and guidance from the teacher.

“The features that amaze me are ones where I am able to differentiate the instruction in my classroom without students being aware of what my plans are. I am able to provide leveled instruction for up to 30, where the needs of every individual are being met, without me running around with stacks of papers and a variety of audio tapes,” said Ms. Martyny.

One-Click Lesson Delivery

The Curriculum Leader says she is able to prepare documents in a folder at her classroom desktop and then with the click of a mouse in the lab, send the ones needed to select students. “I am then able to assist them individually and watch their progress closely, without hovering over their shoulders, just by monitoring their work on the screen. This is truly a new approach to instruction, whether it is while completing speaking performance assessments or reading comprehension activities. I am then able to collect all the work, both document and audio files to my folder, return to my classroom and assess the work.”

The ability to access the lab server from any desktop in the school, allows the teacher to save the files on a CD as well and take home, not to mention the MP3 player for the audio files.

Language teachers at Timber Creek have concluded that Study 1200 truly enables them to provide cutting edge instruction to not only their World Language Department students, but ESOL and other departments are using it as well.

Students preparing for standardized tests are able to work in the lab and focus on very specific skills and the resource teacher is able to work with them one-on-one through the headset and desktop feature. We are very thankful and look forward to further training.



Students enjoy learning with SANAKO Study 1200 because it provides instant feedback.

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