

Teachers at Suffern High School in the state of New York wanted to acquire a language lab that would help them develop the premier language program among high schools in the area. They invested in a SANAKO Lab 300 (formerly ICM / Divace Duo) and got much more than they expected!

SUFFERN HIGH SCHOOL

- High school in the Ramapo Central School District in New York
- Student enrolment: 1,400 – 1,600 students
- Size of language teaching department: 9 teachers
- Languages offered: Spanish, French, Italian, Portuguese, Japanese, American Sign Language

SANAKO LAB 300

- 30 student positions
- 2 teacher consoles
- Possibility to daisy chain servers to create a powerful media server with the capability of supporting 3 labs in the District

Customer overview

Suffern High School is located in the Ramapo Central District in New York, and has an enrolment of some 1,600 students. The school offers a university program which helps students qualify for entry into university or college by providing them with the possibility of getting up to 8 college credits from the language program.

Wanted: a Language Program with a Difference

The Superintendent of the School District encouraged Suffern language

teacher Joseph McKee, who had been a teacher for 32 years, 5 of them with Suffern High School. He set out to develop Suffern High School's language program to stand out from others available in the district.

Technology has Finally Caught Up

Joseph McKee investigated a dozen schools in the area, reviewing their digital and analog language lab systems before he chose a SANAKO Tandberg Educational solution.



SANAKO Lab 300 installation at Suffern High School



A LANGUAGE LAB AND MUCH MORE!

- Varied teaching tools and learning activities
- AP® Testing capabilities
- Multiple teaching applications
- Approachable technology
- Accommodates teaching of American Sign Language
- Recording studio for veterans' memoirs
- Motivation for teachers and students using a modern, exciting learning method

A Multimedia, Multifunctional Learning Space

The Sanako Lab 300 contains many elements that made it perfectly suited to the needs of the Suffern language department. The lab is equipped to administer the AP® Test, which is used to test high school students in college-level courses, offering them the opportunity to earn college credits in selected courses while still in high school. This feature proved to be very useful for Suffern's pre-university program, and resulted in the students posting their best-ever scores in Spanish.

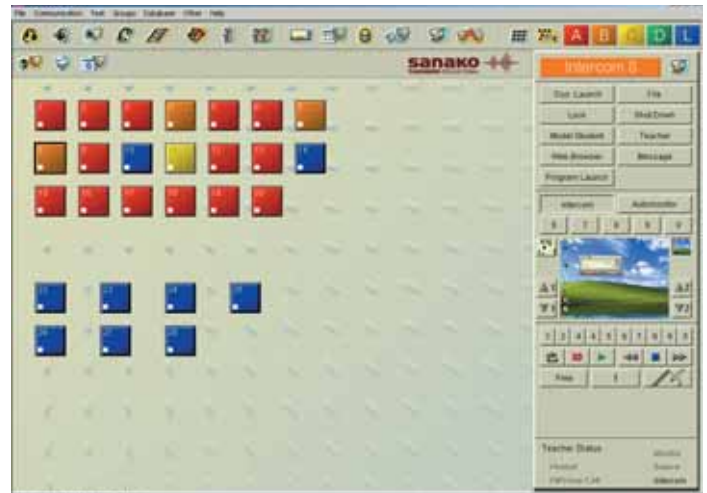
Interestingly, the teaching staff at Suffern have discovered that the lab is well suited to other kinds of unique activities – it's used to teach American Sign Language, and a local historical society has used its multi-function capabilities to record the memoirs of veterans resident in the area.

Teachers Update Their Skills, Students Get Involved

Teachers and students have good reason to be enthusiastic about the new Sanako Lab 300. According to Joe McKee, teachers have found new motivation for the task of teaching a foreign language, as the lab has taught

them new skills, and students work harder. "They (students) can now get in 1 hour what they got before in 3 weeks," he declared. The lab also allows teachers to record and collect physical proof of the students' progress for their parents. As far as the students are concerned, the new language lab provides a variety of activities that make language learning easier and more interesting: they can look at videos, listen to music, and have phone conversations with their classmates in a foreign language. "This system helps you to gain confidence and learn at your own pace," said one student.

For more information about Suffern High School visit their website at: shs.ramapocentral.org



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