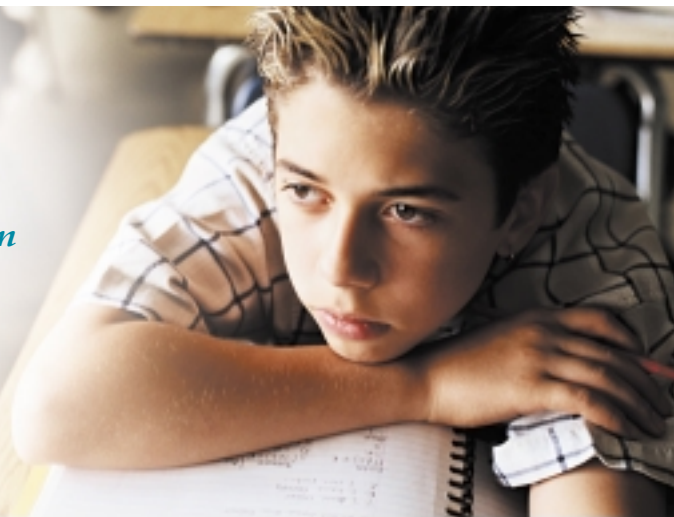




How do you help a struggling student succeed?

Jason has a hard time putting ideas on paper. Like so many other struggling students, his thoughts get lost in the mechanics of writing and test taking. Fortunately, there's a solution that can help Jason and others like him succeed despite learning or physical difficulties. It may very well help him change the way he thinks about himself.



Every student has the right to succeed. Yet some students struggle with putting thoughts on paper. The quality of their work is different from that of their peers. Oftentimes this has a devastating impact on self-esteem.

Now there's an inexpensive tool that students can tuck neatly under their notebooks and carry from class to class. It helps struggling students keep pace with their peers in a way that helps them "fit in." It's called the AlphaSmart 3000—the foundation of technology solutions that help students and teachers achieve their goals.

Because the AlphaSmart 3000 is affordable, teachers can put this technology into more hands. Because it's unobtrusive, struggling students can stay in mainstream classrooms. And, because it's easy to use, teachers can integrate it into the curriculum so students can use it right away.

The way that the AlphaSmart 3000 works is simple. It eliminates the organizational and mechanical difficulties that often lead to frustration and writing avoidance. It helps make students successful, thereby motivating them to learn more.

Rather than struggling with poor handwriting, neatly printed words appear on an LCD display. If a student gets stuck on a word or its spelling, optional word prediction software can provide a scaffolding for their writing. It also eliminates the need for holding a pencil to write by allowing students to type on a forgiving keyboard.

However, the AlphaSmart 3000 is designed so that students don't get caught up in the complexities of a computer. There are no Web sites vying for short attention spans, or difficult commands to remember. Students spend their time writing rather than dealing with the operating system of a computer.

Since the AlphaSmart 3000 is a simple and straightforward system, it's easy to integrate into your curriculum. Let us partner with you to help struggling students succeed. Contact your AlphaSmart representative today.

What makes the AlphaSmart solution work.

Simple – The AlphaSmart 3000 is simple for both teachers and students. There are no complicated features.

Adaptable – Use word drills, vocabulary exercises or free writing. The choice is yours.

Accessible – It's easy to use and far more affordable than standard PCs.

Portable – Students can carry this light-weight machine from class to class and even home.

Expandable – Keep it simple or grow the system with other applications to meet your requirements.

"The AlphaSmart is an important learning tool. The simplicity, durability, ease of use, and reasonable price of these machines are wonderful; students immediately realize that they can do a better job on writing assignments with an AlphaSmart than they can without it."

Bart Pisha, Ed.D. Director of Research, CAST

"Our Winston School students deserve the best that technology has to offer to unlock their learning potential; therefore, we have instituted "Project AlphaSmart." Having every student receive an AlphaSmart has triggered fresh excitement and enthusiasm for writing, organization, and productivity."

*Pamela R. Bloom, Head of School, The Winston School
Short Hills, New Jersey*

Four ways to help your struggling student succeed.

Spelling & Vocabulary

Glenn does well in math and science. His difficulty is in writing, particularly spelling and vocabulary skills. He has no problem verbalizing, but his spelling and vocabulary are not at the same level as his peers. He's embarrassed to hand in assignments and it's hard to get him motivated to write. It's beginning to affect his grades—and the way he feels about himself.

Glenn's teacher introduced the AlphaSmart 3000 and word prediction software into his daily work. He now has the immediate spelling and vocabulary assistance he needs to improve his confidence and motivation in writing. And he has the help he needs to stimulate language and vocabulary development.

What it takes: AlphaSmart 3000,
Co:Writer SmartApplet

Learning Disabilities

Richard is dysgraphic; he has terrible handwriting and when he holds a pencil, he squeezes it so hard his hand trembles. When he does scratch out a line of writing, he can hardly read it for its lack of legibility.

When Richard writes with an AlphaSmart he's not holding a pencil, he's pressing keys on a keyboard and the letters are perfectly formed, every time. He can read each word that he types easily, seeing the mistakes where he couldn't see them before. Because of this, he writes more and his writing improves just from practice.

What it takes: AlphaSmart 3000



Struggling with Organization

Sue is an eighth grader, well-liked by both her peers and teachers. However, her school performance is impacted by her lack of organizational skills. She bounces around from task to task with no apparent pathway or direction. When starting assignments, she is often missing the needed materials for the task.

Scanning the lesson chapters and study questions as text into a computer and then downloading them into the AlphaSmart ensures that Sue has all the material in one place. Because the AlphaSmart is so portable, she can even take her everyday assignments home with her. Her teacher uses AlphaQuiz to create tests and quizzes which can be taken on the AlphaSmart. No fumbling with papers, and no stress.

What it takes: AlphaSmart 3000, Get Utility, AlphaQuiz, scanner, OCR Software (for scanning text)

Writing Difficulties

Angela is a sixth grader who hates to write. When she tries to put her thoughts on paper, fragmented sentences and frequent misspellings fill the page. Sometimes she is so embarrassed by what she writes that she doesn't hand it in. Her teachers are puzzled because there is a significant difference between the quality of Angela's ideas during class discussions and the quality of her written work.

When Angela uses an AlphaSmart with word prediction software she can focus on putting her ideas into words. Writing is less stressful because she doesn't have to remember spelling, vocabulary, and grammar. Her work finally reflects the quality of her ideas.

What it takes: AlphaSmart 3000,
Co:Writer SmartApplet

Help your struggling students today. Call (888) 274-0680 for more information about AlphaSmart Solutions.



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