

# Teaching with Technology

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Madison Middle School is increasing its technology integration through a variety of methods. One tool being used currently is an **individual student response system**, nicknamed **%lickers+**, and was obtained by a grant awarded to the media specialist, Jennifer Lovitt, and sixth grade teacher, Suzanne Ray, by Nissan and The Community Foundation of Greater Jackson. The system allows each student to individually respond to questions presented via a PowerPoint in the classroom, tallies the responses of all students, and then sparks class discussion of the correct answer. This technology tool enhances learning by requiring 100 percent student participation and engagement, and students say that they really get into using the **%lickers+**. Test scores have been higher on information reviewed using the response systems.

Madison Middle School also recently installed a **wireless access point in the media center**. The media center has eight portable multi-media carts that teachers use when accessing Internet sites, United Streaming, and other multi-media learning tools in classroom instruction. Media Specialist, Jennifer Lovitt, wanted to take advantage of the notebook computers on the carts if and when any were not being used by teachers, but all of the media center's Internet outlets were being used. The wireless access point allows multiple notebook computers to share a wireless connection, so students have increased access to the Internet and are able to print information. Lovitt said, **%t's** cool for the kids and helps us increase access to information for our students. We are getting the most bang for our buck with these notebook computers now that they can be used for two different purposes . for teachers in the classroom and for students in the media center.+

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