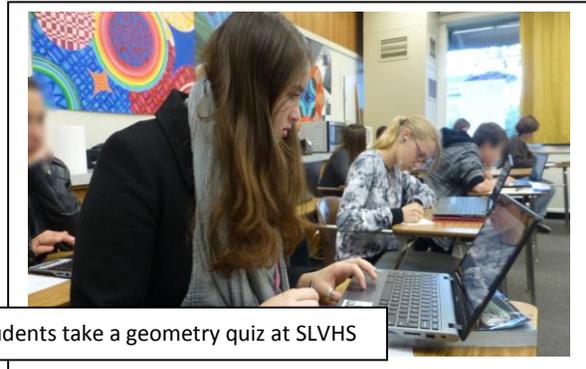


San Lorenzo Valley Foundation for Education donates funds for student on-line learning devices.

Last Spring, with a \$20,000 grant from SLVFE, the High School Math department purchased sixty-five touch screen enabled Chromebooks Featuring 8 hour battery life, wireless connectivity, and low maintenance (self-updating, no viruses, and no extra software to buy). These devices combine touch screen capability for innovative software as well as keyboards needed for student testing. Later, the district committed to funding the middle-school and high school math departments with similar devices.

The SLVFE Board engaged with District Superintendent Dr. Laurie Bruton, former Superintendent Julie Haff, and Information Technology Director, Jeff Kitts, to become informed. Improved keyboarding skills for student testing, the opportunity to leverage the district's awesome wireless networking infrastructure and low support costs fed the foundation board's decision to fund the program.

Recently Tom visited Rob Lahey's math classroom to see learning benefits first hand. Students were taking a geometry quiz; the most striking thing to Tom was the ability for Rob to immediately assess understanding and track progress. There's little doubt this type of real-time feedback will benefit the learning process for both teachers and students.

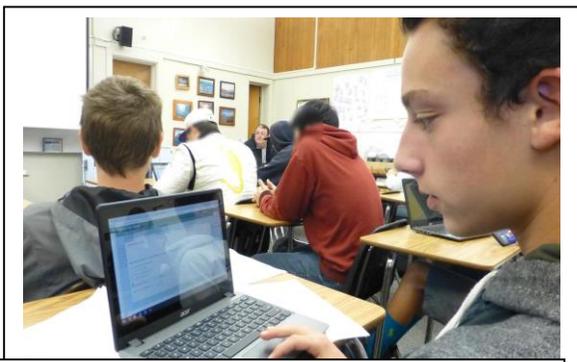


Students take a geometry quiz at SLVHS

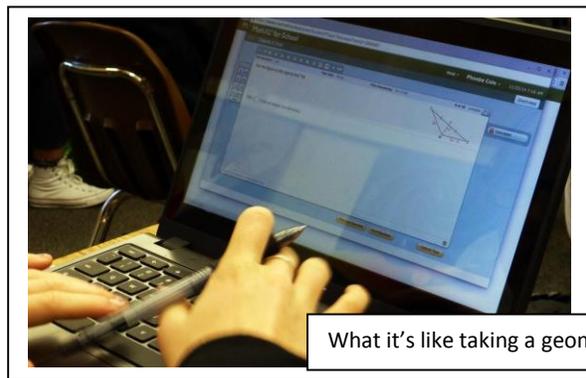
"The technology allows students to take in new content at their own pace. In a traditional math lecture if a student struggles with understanding with a particular concept of the lecture it hinders their further understanding of the rest of the lesson. Now students can take the time needed on specific topics as needed. The technology allows the teacher to see in real time what the students are doing, where they are achieving and where they need assistance. The student also has this immediate feedback. Students are becoming active learners over the previous active listeners. This is a huge change in learning style and for the most part the students are rising to the challenge of the change." - Rob Lahey, SLVHS Math Department Chair



Paper and pencil are still involved!



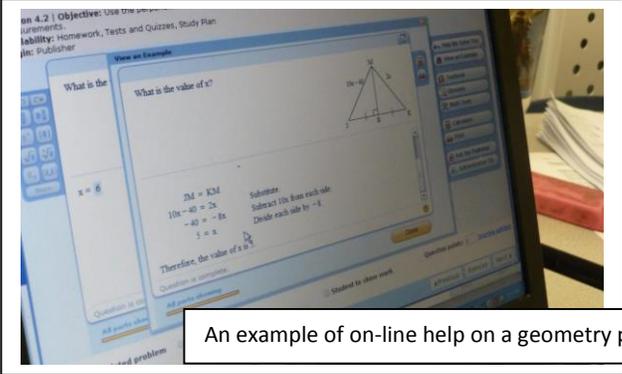
Students taking a quiz in Mr. Lahey's class using the Chromebooks.



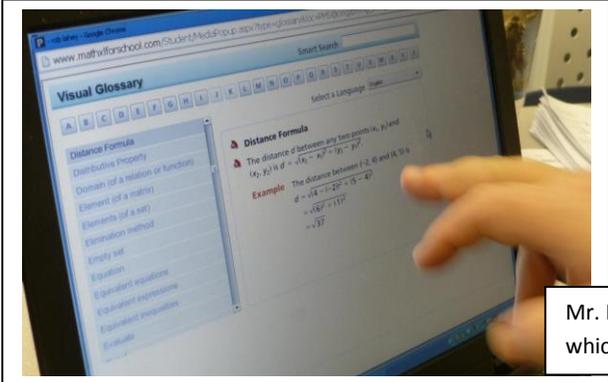
What it's like taking a geometry quiz.



Mr. Lahey is able to see results of his students' efforts immediately.



An example of on-line help on a geometry problem.



Mr. Lahey points out the on-line glossary for math terms which can really help with outside of the classroom learning.