

## Lumens Ladibug Unanimously Voted Favorite Classroom Technology

Hampton, Virginia, Hampton City Schools Redefines 21st Century Teaching and Learning

### 21st Century Teachers

Hampton City Schools handpicked 40 teachers from amongst those who applied, one from each of its K to 12 schools, and awarded them with the moniker of “21st Century Teachers.” These teachers were trained and given the latest technology-based teaching tools, including Lumens document cameras, Flip video cameras, interactive tablets, projectors and Apple MacBooks. When asked which piece of technology was indispensable, the teachers unanimously responded that their Lumens document cameras were the most useful of the tools given them.

“Students today are digital kids,” said Cheryl Grobel, District Instructional Technology Specialist for Hampton City Schools, a district that includes four high schools, six middle schools and 25 elementary schools. “Teachers, knowing this, are very open to getting away from paper-based teaching. They know that they can do so much more—annotating visuals, saving materials, and demonstrating lessons in new ways. It lets them teach the way kids need to learn.”

### Lumens valued best product

After integrating the technology into their teaching, the instructors universally valued the Lumens visual presenters, which were selected as the product of choice from among a pool of potential vendors’ products for clarity, ease of use and rich feature set. “We surveyed them and asked what equipment they would keep, in addition to the computer, if they could only choose one,” said Clint Rickman, District Instructional Technology Specialist for Hampton City Schools. “Every single one of them chose the digital presenter.”

### With Lumens you bring your lesson alive

With approval in hand to deploy the document cameras, McCarty and the Lumens digital presenters quickly became a seamless part of classroom interactions, from illustrating math problems with real world materials to giving students a close look at science examples, teachers reported.



“The document camera allows teachers to create lessons that encourage students to use reasoning and work together to figure out solutions rather than promoting rote memory,” said Rickman. “With a document camera, you can take any lesson and bring it alive,” added Grobel. “The days of overhead projectors are gone...this is the way schools are going now.”

### Visual learning

In the 21st classrooms, students use the visual presenters in their learning as well. “Today’s students are visual learners,” said Rickman. “It’s no longer the norm to have teachers sitting in front of the room and demonstrating material...Instead, kids are coming up and working with the equipment as well.”

Teachers also appreciated that visual presenters allow them to save prep time and allow them more time to focus on students. For example, instructors reported that they could create a single lesson prep and use it in multiple classes, and then save it for later use in material review, said Rickman.

The 21st Century Classrooms were so well received that Hampton City Schools intends to create more of them. In each of its Title One Schools, they will have a visual presenter in all instructional classrooms by the end of November, and eventually in every academic classroom.