

TECHCENTER21 AND ITCENTER21: INTRODUCTION TO COMPUTERS AND IT - CASE STUDY

Berrendo Middle School
800 Marion Richards Road
Roswell, NM 88201

Programs: TechCenter21
and ITCenter21: Introduction
to Computers and IT

Teacher: Walter Lowe

Grades: 6-8

Enrollment: 388

Course Title: Technology
Education and Introduction to
Computers

Year of Installation: 2000

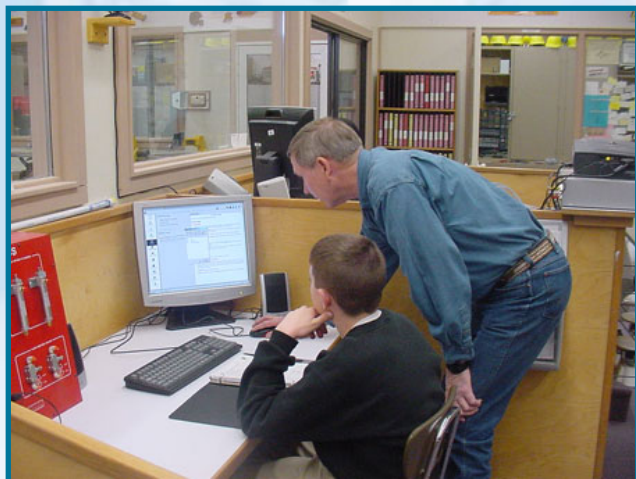
The AES labs in Berrendo Middle School are the pride of the school district. Teacher, Walter Lowe, explains...

"My classroom is the envy of other teachers in my school and district! Just the other day I was talking to a teacher when he asked if I was going to retire any time soon. I could read it in his eyes (and he stated as much) that he would like to have my job!

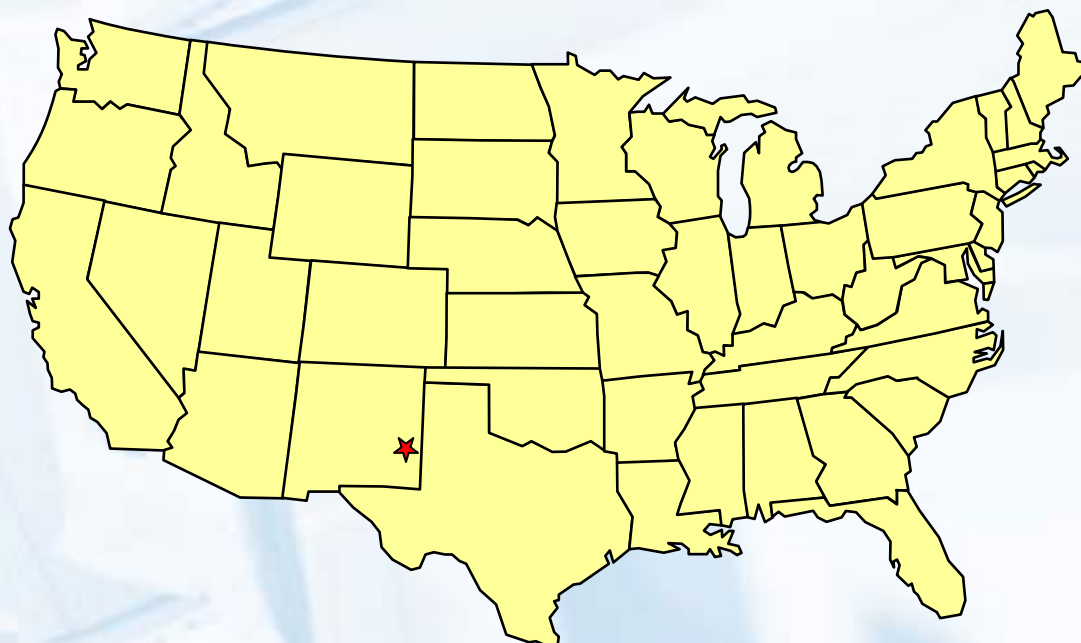
My classroom consists of the Applied Educational System's **TechCenter21** lab and their **ITcenter21** lab. My middle school consists of 6th, 7th, and 8th grades. For electives, the 8th grade students are present every day for the entire school year and they do the TC21 lab. The 7th grade students are present every other day for only one semester and they do the IT lab. There is talk that next year the 6th grade students will "wheel" through the elective classes and if we do, I plan to use the new AES TechCenter21 Group Projects. I just couldn't sever all relations with woodworking, so when the lab was designed, a wall with windows was put in. Now we have a dust free area for the AES modules, and an area for woodworking. The 8th grade students rotate through woodworking, just as they do the robotics, aerospace, engineering structures and the other modules.

At first, tech support was one of my concerns. I wasn't overly computer literate but I could do the basics and certainly wasn't afraid of them. Could I get help when I needed it? As it has turned out, this concern was unfounded. In the first place, I haven't had any problems to speak of, but when I do call, I get fast, accurate, and courteous answers. **Best of all, the AES software works.**

In addition to good tech support, AES conducts training that met my needs and gave me the confidence to make this major change in my "shop" situation. I have attended the Basic and Advanced Seminars for TechCenter21 and the class for ITcenter21. While at the training in Lititz, Pennsylvania, classes are given the opportunity to speak to the owner and the other company personnel. When you talk to any of these people, you get the feeling that they care about you and whether or not your classroom is working as it was designed."



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