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## *Interactive White Board Resources*

### Interactive Web Sites for Students

The goal of using the interactive white board is to get your students up out of their seats and active participating in their learning. Most of use the IWB as a very expensive chalkboard. Don't get me wrong, the IWB makes a great chalkboard, but that isn't the best use of the technology. The focus of this issue is to continue sharing resources for your students to use. These resources are education approved and should be accessible through the school network. Welcome back and have a fantastic second semester.

Kinetic City: Shape It Up allows students to use different natural forces to create geographical features.

<http://www.kineticcity.com/mindgames/warper/>

TESiBoard is a huge depository of interactive activities that work great with the interactive white board. The activities cover a wide range of the curriculum.

<http://www.iboard.co.uk/curriculummobile.htm>

Gravity Launch is a great resource for teaching students about force and motion.

<http://sciencenetlinks.com/interactives/gravity.htm>

"We already knew that kids learned computer technology more easily than adults, It is as if children were waiting all these centuries for someone to invent their native language." - Jaron Lanier

## *Why Use Technology?*

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The challenge for our education system is to leverage technology to create relevant learning experiences that mirror students' daily lives and the reality of their futures. We live in a highly mobile, globally connected society in which young Americans will have more jobs and more careers in their lifetimes than their parents. Learning can no longer be confined to the years we spend in school or the hours we spend in the classroom: It must be life-long, life-wide, and available on demand (Bransford et al., 2006).