

Promethean vs. SmartBoard

Interactive White Boards (IWBs)

The Good

- Large Areas
- Interactive
- Online teacher resources
- Platform independent tools
- Promethean – two pen mode (teacher/facilitator and student/participant)
- SmartBoard – touch screen
- Promethean – non-touch screen
- Eno mounts magnetically to existing whiteboard
- Eno - No electronics – use any software you want (intelligence in stylus, bluetooth)

The Bad

- Tools are still evolving

The Ugly

- Without systematic reform and staff development it reinforces the “Sage on the Stage”
- It’s back to Microsoft vs. Apple (it’s what they will use in the real world vs. made for education)
- Technology without extensive professional development changes nothing

The Bottom Line

“**On the school side** I think both solutions are viable although **I’d skew towards the Promethean** solution since they are so focused on just the education market. It shows in their on-line resources, their development tools, their peripherals, and in the maturity of their approach to the market. New entrants like Polyvision's Eno also deserve a close look - they have a smaller footprint in the classroom and on your budget.”

(http://www.educationbusinessblog.com/2009/07/smart_board_vs_promethean_duel.html)

So What? Now What?

Don’t forget the PolyVision Eno and the Luidia eBeam. Both are excellent tools!

Resources

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<http://www.emergingedtech.com/category/interactive-whiteboards/>