

# Mount'n Mover™

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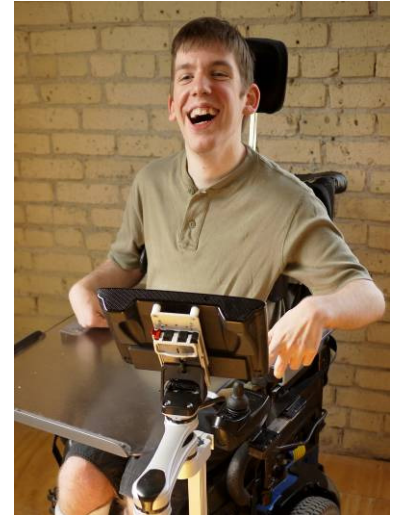
## School Creates Universal Access Stations Using Mount'n Movers

### Virginia Beach City Public Schools, Universal Workstations

Virginia Beach City Public Schools has transformed its Special Education program through the use of **30** new Mount'n Mover workstations.

The adjustable Mount'n Mover offers a cost-effective Universal Design solution. It provides equal access to students with and without disabilities and makes the educational experience more inclusive for students, parents, staff, instructors and administrators.

Mounted to floor stands, the Mount'n Movers allow educators “to move the equipment through the room and quickly adjust access to attached devices for almost any physical accommodation need a student may have,” according to Brian Malsch, the Assistive Technology Specialist for the schools. Read more of what Brian has to say:



“I have observed the Mount'n Movers being used to display iPads in an elevated position for small group instruction and then adjusted to allow all students including those in wheelchairs access to the device. If necessary, the device can be lowered to ground level for students in a prone (lying on the floor) position.

In addition to the variety of positions the Mount'n Mover can provide, teachers like the security offered to the devices. They do not have to worry about an expensive iPad or laptop being knocked to the floor and damaged. This affords more access to equipment for students who have difficulties with gross motor skills or behaviors which might otherwise jeopardize school equipment.

Before moving to Assistive Technology, I was a Special Education classroom teacher for 15 years. I would have loved to have had access to such an adjustable and stable mounting system to hold equipment for my students.”

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## Nicole Carstens, Student

As a college student Nicole needs to multitask—reading, writing, using a laptop and of course, eating. She can do it all more easily now. She uses a Tilt'n Turner and a Dual Arm Mount'n Mover to use her laptop and read at the same time. She can adjust and change the trays depending on her needs. See how she has benefited from our product:



My name is Nicole and I have a disability called Cerebral Palsy. I am currently enrolled at North Hennepin Community college.

The Mount'n Mover mounting system makes it easier to read books and write papers because the tray is adjusted to the height that makes it easier for me to reach the objects that are on the tray. The angle adjustable tray makes it easier because you do not have to bend over to read or write.

The laptop tray makes it easier to complete school work on the laptop because the laptop is strapped to the tray so it will not move while I am typing.

The customer service that BlueSky Designs provides is very good. Their staff is willing to work with you to figure out what you need, explain how to use the tray and will do a good job of adjusting the tray when needed.

Her father, Karl piped in and said, "It's so much easier and cost-effective than going around and trying to adapt all of her classrooms. She's got what she needs with her, no matter where she is."

## Ken Walsh, Teacher

Ken teaches computers, design & modeling, Science of Technology and Engineering (Shop Class) at Mounds View Public Middle School. He builds problem-solving and critical thinking skills by leading students step by step through the design process. "It doesn't matter if it doesn't work the first time or the second or the 100<sup>th</sup> time," he tells students.



With use of the mount, Ken says he has become a better teacher. "It allows me to move around the classroom and still be in control of what's up on the screen." Swinging the Mount'n Mover over to a student engages participation with ease. "If I'm on the white board they check out after two seconds. Moving around; I keep them engaged."

The Dual Arm Mount'n Mover holds his iPad and AirLiner Slate. He has limited use of his fingers due to his C5/6 spinal cord injury, but he easily operates the AirLiner with the Mount'n Mover.



Prior to acquiring his mount, Ken used the fun but inefficient method of having students volunteer to be his "wireless mouse."

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