

Transitioning from Smart to Promethean FAQ

Instead of Notebook software you will be using ActivInspire Software.

Will I lose all my Notebook Files?

If you've already created lessons in SMART Notebook™, simply import them into ActivInspire to take advantage of ActivInspire's interactive features and functionality. No need to lose any of your hard work! Learn how in this ActivTips video: [Import from SMART Notebook™](#).

You can also import PDF's and PowerPoint Files

Can I still control my Board using my finger?

It depends, if you have the new ActivBoard 500, then yes. This ActivBoard allows you and your students to write with either your finger or the ActivPen (or various combinations of both)!

If you have one of the older boards, you will only be able to control the board using the ActivPen.

Can more than one student use the Board at the same time?

Yes, simply choose the Dual User tool and two people can write on the board at the same time.

Can I find Premade lessons like on the Smart Exchange?

Yes and even more! <http://prometheanplanet.com> contains over 60,000 free downloadable resources including lessons searchable by state standard, grade/age, subject, and keyword. With over 1.5 million subscribers, you will also find discussion boards and blogs in the active community section.

Can I download the Software at home?

Yes! TPS has a district license which allows you to download the software at home. You can receive the Installation Code from your STC or the Instructional Technology Department.

How can I learn to use ActivInspire?

If you would like to learn at your own pace, [Promethean Planet](#) offers FREE courses to get you started as well as ActivTips to learn specific skills. If you prefer Face to Face training, the Instructional Technology department offers classes at Wilson Teaching and Learning Academy and the 8th Floor offers classes at their facility as well.

Can I still use my SMART Responders?

Yes, SMART Responders will work with any computer; you do not need an Interactive White Board to use them.

What tools am I going to miss when transitioning to Promethean?

Table tool, Magic Pen, Gallery Categories, Dual Screens, Floating Toolbar, Math Tools, Transparent Layer

What tools are new that I am going to love in Promethean?

Promethean Planet, Object Brower; the ability to put items in layers and order, Express Poll, ActivArena, Magic Ink, Math Tools

Can I use ActivInspire on my current SMART Board?

Yes, as long as you keep your SMART Board Driver up to date.

Can I still use all the Interactive Websites that I am used to using?

Yes, all Interactive websites will still work.

Can I upload my ActivInspire FlipCharts to Safari Montage?

Yes

Will all SMART Boards be replaced with Promethean?

Yes, over time they will. As new interactive whiteboards are purchased, if the previous board was a SMART Board, it will be replaced with Promethean. This is in support of the standard classroom configuration the district is adopting.

I just got a new SMART Board, will it still be supported and can I still receive training on how to use it?

Yes! This is going to be a gradual process. Your SMART Board will be supported by ISS and you will still be able to attend training by both TPS Instructional Technology Department and the 8th Floor.

Finally, Promethean is the only IWB and interactive lesson creation software manufacturer with research based evidence of actual improvement in student achievement. Dr. Robert Marzano has [published](#) results of a 2 year study showing an average 16 percentile gain.