

## Case study

# Sonans creates a more interactive learning experience



**HP ElitePads equip students and teachers with flexible, creative tools to bring learning to life**

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### Objective

Sonans wanted to replace its existing tablets and extend to its other schools a new platform that could support popular eLearning applications and e-textbooks and would be robust enough to survive in and out of school

### Approach

Following an evaluation of leading tablets, Sonans chose to deploy HP ElitePads as the default tablet for each of its schools. This is a more flexible and robust solution that can deliver the full range of eLearning applications and services and, when combined with productivity jackets and docking stations, provides a complete platform for interactive learning

### IT matters

- The HP ElitePad powers up much faster than a traditional laptop, making students more productive
- Its robust aluminium casing makes it ideal to withstand the rigours of school life
- Docking stations and productivity jackets add further functionality and durability to the device

### Business matters

- The HP ElitePad runs on Windows® 8, meaning it supports all the critical teaching applications and e-textbooks
- Students and teachers can produce more interactive and engaging assignments, which helps develop new skills
- Forgotten textbooks and misplaced homework have become a thing of the past because pupils engage so closely with their tablets



**“The HP ElitePad is a robust, flexible and high-performing tablet that will help our teachers and students make lessons more engaging and productive.”**

– Terje Ravnsborg, IT director, Sonans Education

### **Flexible and robust tablets at the heart of lessons**

Sonans has chosen HP ElitePad tablets for all new students and teachers and is also replacing its existing tablets with HP ElitePads – a more flexible and robust solution that can deliver the full range of eLearning applications and services. Combined with productivity jackets and docking stations, the tablets provide a complete platform for interactive learning.



## Customer solution at a glance

### Hardware

- HP ElitePad 900
- HP ElitePad Docking Station
- HP ElitePad Productivity Jacket

## Challenge

### A platform for learning

Sonans Utdanning is a private institution offering general subjects at upper secondary level and IT-related education in Norway. Established in 1989 in Stavanger, Norway under the name Stavanger Private Gymnas, it later developed into a chain of private schools across Norway. Sonans aims to give everyone the ability to reach their goals of higher education and emphasises academic and educational quality at all levels. This involves a wide range of courses, individual counselling, innovative teaching methods and a structured programme of study.

As part of its progressive approach to education, Sonans has placed ICT firmly at the heart of the curriculum. For ten years, pupils at three of its schools have been equipped with laptops to augment and improve the learning experience. Recently, the organisation decided to switch to tablet devices for added mobility and flexibility.

“We chose the most popular tablet on the market and piloted it at our campus in Bergen for a year, however, because it wasn’t a Windows device, we couldn’t use many educational applications and eLearning services,” explains Terje Ravnsborg, IT director, Sonans Education. “We decided to look at other options and undertook a rigorous examination of tablets from Lenovo, Samsung, Dell and HP.”

The HP ElitePad was a clear winner for a number of reasons including the integrated keyboard jacket, ease of administration and robustness.

## Solution

### Durability and flexibility combined

The ultra-thin and light HP ElitePad is a fully customisable Windows 8 tablet that is easy to deploy, manage and secure. It offers the full serviceability, enhanced security and manageability found in HP Elite PCs, and military-grade durability for drops, vibration, dust, temperature extremes and high altitude.

“When you’re giving technology to children and teenagers, you need peace of mind that it will survive the rough and tumble of the playground. That’s why the robust nature of the ElitePad appealed to us,” adds Ravnsborg. “And because it runs on Windows 8, it opens up whole new eLearning platforms to engage the students. It gives us more flexibility than our previous tablet.”

### Inspiring students and teachers

Sonans has equipped every pupil at its Bergen school with a HP ElitePad, while first year students at its Oslo and Drammen campuses are also enjoying its benefits. They can now work on assignments more creatively, incorporating video and multimedia into what would otherwise be standard written work.

Sixty teachers are also using the ElitePad to make lessons more interactive. Combined with the HP ElitePad Docking Station, it delivers an enterprise-class desktop experience with an added keyboard and monitor which also charges the tablet.

“The teachers use the docking station while the students each have their own HP ElitePad Productivity Jacket, which includes an integrated keyboard, connectivity ports and SD card reader,” continues Ravnsborg. “This ensures optimal productivity and added durability.”

## Benefits

### Learning at the touch of a screen

The HP ElitePad has enabled teachers to make the curriculum more interactive and truly bring learning to life. It has also made students more productive and eager to learn.

“With the old laptops, it took an age to start them up which could disrupt lessons, but the ElitePad powers up in seconds, meaning pupils are ready to learn from the outset,” comments Ravnsborg. “And the days of forgotten textbooks and homework are in the past – the kids love the tablets so much, they never leave them at home.”

The tablets run a number of applications including Microsoft® Office, Microsoft Mathematics and Microsoft OneNote as well as recommended school text books from publisher SmartBook. This means students have everything they need in the palm of their hand.

“The HP ElitePad is helping us expand the educational potential of the classroom,” concludes Ravnsborg. “It is a cost-effective, high-performing tablet that brings lessons to life for students and teachers alike.”

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