Offering students the opportunity to study advanced world languages and prepare them to communicate with a diverse and global audience is one of the many benefits of attending Farragut High School. However, COVID-19 forced the high school to close early in the spring of 2020 and brought about new challenges with teaching world languages when schools reopened in the fall.

To ensure continuity of learning for students, as well as to ensure that her courses were accessible to all students, Señora Allison Maldonado, an Advanced Placement (AP) Spanish teacher with more than 30 years of teaching experience, turned to Logitech Solutions for Education.

With Logitech, Señora Maldonado was able to quickly transition from in-class instruction to remote teaching from her home in the spring. In the fall, she was able to equip her classroom with affordable solutions that improve the quality of face-to-face instruction and help keep students engaged, regardless of location.

"With Logitech my ability to teach more effectively in a virtual and hybrid environment has grown exponentially. I truly feel empowered to connect and share lessons with my students whether they are in the classroom or at home."

Allison Maldonado
Farragut High School
Spanish Teacher

TEACH FROM ANYWHERE

When schools closed in the spring, Señora Maldonado needed to adapt her home to a teaching zone. With a family of five taking shelter in place, along with a recently adopted dog, there were noise and distractions that complicated her ability to provide students with optimal learning experiences. In addition, to get the best network connection in her home, she had to work from her low-light dining room which made it difficult for students and colleagues to see her clearly.

"The MeetUp helps me teach remote students more naturally and helps them feel more included and engaged with what’s happening in the classroom."

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To address the video and audio challenges, Señora Maldonado invested in the Logitech Brio 4K Webcam and a Logitech Zone Wireless headset. The Brio’s ability to dynamically optimize light and color in low-light environments dramatically improved her video quality, enabling students, coworkers, and administrators to see her more clearly. The Brio also doubles as a portable document camera giving her the option to share objects, art, or Spanish books when used at home or in the classroom.

The Logitech Zone Wireless headset helps Señora Maldonado hear students more clearly and blocks out family conversations, ringing doorbells, and the barking dog so that she can stay focused on the lesson when teaching from home.

MODERN TEACHING & LEARNING EXPERIENCES

When schools reopened in the fall, Señora Maldonado received approval to teach her advanced Spanish courses both virtually and in a hybrid model. To ensure that all students felt included, engaged, and inspired, she looked to Logitech’s MeetUp Conference Cam to enhance face-to-face collaboration with remote students from the classroom.

The Logitech MeetUp was quick to set up, easy to use, and connected seamlessly to Microsoft Teams. The all-in-one device includes a high definition camera, microphones, and speakers, making it simple to integrate into her classroom to support interactions with students, in both the hybrid and virtual classes. In addition, the MeetUp’s 120 degree field of view provides her with the flexibility to walk around the front of the class naturally helping to keep students more engaged. Most importantly, she is able to offer remote students the same real-world learning experiences that students that are in class receive, such as when she brings in speakers from business and academia to discuss how they use Spanish in their careers.

To improve comfort, reduce time building lessons, and to navigate on-line applications more efficiently, Maldonado uses the Logitech K780 Multi-device Wireless Keyboard and the MX Anywhere 2S Mouse.

In order to support mobility, navigate, and focus student’s attention on content, she upgraded her presentation remote to the Logitech Spotlight. To support whiteboarding with her iPad, she added a Logitech Crayon to make it easy to quickly share ideas, drawings, and annotations in real-time. And to keep learning fun, she uses the WONDERBOOM 2 to integrate Spanish music into her lessons.

With Logitech and Microsoft Teams, Señora Maldonado’s classroom has been transformed into a modern learning space that encourages collaboration. In addition, virtual students have access to advanced foreign language courses, they are learning new ways to leverage technology to thrive, and they feel connected to their class despite the distance. Regardless of what the future holds, Señora Maldonado is equipped to optimize teaching and learning experiences from any location.

“With Logitech, I can bring my personality and my warmth to my classroom at Farragut High School and to every one of my students who are at home as well.”

Allison Maldonado
Farragut High School
Spanish Teacher

Logitech’s diverse portfolio helps to optimize teaching and learning experiences and support any method of instruction whether its in-class, hybrid or fully virtual.

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