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Science Department teams with Northwestern University to use tablets for instruction

The Science Department is borrowing 12 tablets from Northwestern University for about a month to offer students a new spin on learning biology. For the past couple of weeks, students have been using the tablets during class and at home to complete labs online. Recently, for example, students participated in radioactivity lessons; one lab involved using the tablet to control a machine in Australia.

This opportunity came about after Northwestern's Office of STEM Education Partnership contacted Mark Prosis, Science Department chair. Northwestern is seeking grant money to purchase more tablets; part of the process of applying for funding involves working with high schools and filming the students as they use the tablets. The Science Department already has a relationship with Northwestern; in the past, some science teachers have participated in curriculum writing fellowships with the university.

Representatives from the Office of STEM Education Partnership have visited LCHS to help train the students to use the technology. Prosis said the experience has been beneficial to the Science Department because the teachers have been investigating the possibility of applying for grant money to purchase tablets. This opportunity has allowed the teachers to see how the tablets could be put to practical use.

Contact Mark Prosis for additional information at mprosis@lakeseagles.com or 847-838-8029.

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