## School Days

## **Technology Makes The Grade**

(NAPSA)—Students—and their parents—may be pleased to learn there's a device called Pulse Smartpen from Livescribe that makes studying easier and more effective by providing on-demand access to a teacher's instruction anytime, anyplace.

It's a pen with the power and advantages of a computer. Students can take handwritten notes while recording all the audio happening in the classroom. Later, they simply tap on their notes with the pen to hear the lecture, conversation or study group session play back from that exact moment. Printed controls on the bottom of the dot-paper notebooks let students fast-forward, rewind or even speed up or slow down the conversation to make finding and recalling information simpler.

Said one student, "Now when I'm in class, instead of scrambling to write down every word the professor is saying, I can focus on what's being said and engage in the discussion because I know my Smartpen is capturing every detail. I can't imagine studying for an exam without it—it's like having a teacher in my pocket."

Other users claimed the pen helped them have better recall of information, accuracy, improved grades, organization, efficiency and more.

Even in large lecture halls, the Pulse Smartpen captures quality sound through earbuds with built-in microphones. Using Livescribe Desktop software, students can transfer notes and audio to their computers to easily organize, store, search for keywords within



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their notes or even share the files with others. Transcription software is available for those students who want to transcribe their handwriting into text to easily pull information into Microsoft Word or e-mail.

## **More Hints That May Help**

Here are further suggestions that may help students succeed:

- Focus on writing keywords while taking notes versus writing down every word. Later, when ready to study, simply tap on the keyword with the Pulse Smartpen to hear all the details and information play back without any writer's cramp involved.
- Whether in large lecture halls or small classrooms, pop in the 3-D recording earbuds included with the Pulse Smartpen to capture stereo-quality audio.
- Upload notes to a PC or Mac and share notes and the audio with friends and family.

## Learn More

You can learn more online at www.livescribe.com.