



## OTTERBOX LEVELS EDUCATIONAL PLAYING FIELD WITH DEFENDER SERIES FOR iPad

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For the Exceptional Children’s program in North Carolina’s Rowan-Salisbury School District, Apple® iPad® tablets coupled with Defender Series® cases from OtterBox® are leveling the technological playing field for all students.

Program Specialist Kristin Sinclair has dedicated the last eleven years to working with special needs students and has seen how children with autism and other developmental disorders are often left behind when it comes to 21st Century learning. These students are taken out of traditional classrooms in an effort to tailor the learning environment to suit their needs, but that can also mean that the technology of the classroom is often out of their reach. Sinclair hopes a new pilot program featuring more than 40 iPads outfitted with OtterBox Defender Series cases will remedy the situation.



Apple® iPad®  
Defender Series®



Apple® iPad® stand

“Our county recently purchased iPads for students with moderate to significant disabilities to provide them with the opportunity to communicate and actively engage in the classroom environment,” explained Sinclair. “This is a great chance for our students to interact with technology; however, this delicate equipment is expensive.”

That’s where OtterBox comes in. The Defender Series case for the iPad offers premier protection for the versatile tablet device. The multiple layers of protection – a polycarbonate shell surrounded by a durable silicone skin – reinforce the technology against potential drops, dings and shocks. The removable cover protects the large screen while in a backpack or bag and doubles as a viewing stand to make desktop-use a breeze. Sinclair has observed the OtterBox solution removes the apprehension teachers and staff felt about deploying the iPads to young students.

“The cases take the fear out of using technology in the classroom, and the iPads give students the opportunity to express themselves in many ways,” Sinclair said. “In order to protect our investment and to give these students the benefit to expand academically, socially and with the skills to communicate effectively within our communities, we needed to make sure that the iPads given to each classroom are durable and can be used by multiple students for years to come.”

### ABOUT OTTERBOX:

Built upon fundamentals of hard work, innovation and perseverance, OtterBox is a leader in the production of premier protective solutions for global handheld manufacturers, wireless carriers and distributors.

Incorporating creativity and cutting-edge design into every product, OtterBox creates sleek and durable cases that offer reliable device protection to complement any lifestyle.

OtterBox was founded in 1998 and is headquartered in Fort Collins, Colo.

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