AlphaBetter® Desks in the ATTAIN Technology Lab
The ATTAIN Technology Lab is a vocational classroom utilized by students ages 14-21 in western Hennepin County in Minnesota. The lab is used to teach students with special needs computer skills that can be used after graduation. Students come to ATTAIN to work on projects that come from requests for customized classroom and curriculum materials for their school district, member district classroom staff and various administrative services departments. Here are some of the insights that an ATTAIN Lab Teacher gave about how students used the Safco AlphaBetter® Desk in the classroom:

AlphaBetter in Action
“ATTAIN student workers need to concentrate, stay focused on their task, tune out distractions in the workroom and make sure their work files meet quality and quantity expectations and are organized efficiently for desktop storage and retrieval.”

“We had three students using the AlphaBetter Desks during the 2012-2013 school year. ATTAIN staff rated all three students as having improved their work habits and work skills.”

Performance
“Anecdotally, all students reported they enjoyed using the AlphaBetter Desk and the patented Swinging Pendulum™ Footrest Bar. They enjoyed the flexibility and mobility of being able to move easily about the workroom as needed without having a stationary piece of furniture, like a normal desk and chair, to deal with.”

Final Assessment
“Thanks for giving us the opportunity to use the AlphaBetter Desks. They have added a new dimension of excellence and innovation our work in ATTAIN. We look forward to using them for many years to come.”

ATTAIN Technology Lab Work Areas

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