

Encore Data Products Adds AVID AE-56 Headset With Fixed Microphone to School Audio Product Lineup

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Encore Data Products has added the AVID AE-56 Headset to its catalog of audio solutions for schools, libraries, and institutional environments. The headset features a fixed microphone integrated into the earcup, offering an alternative to traditional adjustable boom microphones for classrooms and other high-use settings.

The AE-56 is built on AVID?s 50 Series platform, the same platform as the AE-55, and incorporates the manufacturer?s KidCom? microphone. Where the AE-55 uses an adjustable boom microphone, the AE-56 houses its microphone directly within the earcup, so there is no microphone arm to position before use. Schools can choose the style that best fits their students and classrooms.

The headset is designed for classroom learning, digital instruction, student collaboration, and online assessments. Its adjustable headband, tilting earcups, and soft leatherette cushions support comfortable wear, while a chew-resistant braided cord and reinforced strain relief provide additional protection during everyday use.

?The fixed microphone gives schools another option when evaluating headsets for daily classroom use,? said a spokesperson for Encore Data Products. ?Students can put the headset on and get started without positioning a microphone, which is helpful in classrooms where headsets are shared throughout the day. For schools managing equipment across multiple classrooms, that kind of simplicity matters.?

The AVID AE-56 is available in two connectivity configurations to accommodate different devices used in schools and other organizations. The 3.5mm version plugs into standard headset jacks, while the USB-C version supports compatible Chromebooks, tablets, and laptops equipped with USB-C connections.

Both versions feature 40mm speakers, a frequency response of 20 Hz to 20 kHz, and an omnidirectional microphone. Weighing approximately 144 grams and equipped with a four-foot braided cord, the headset is intended for regular use in environments where audio equipment may be handled by multiple users.

The AE-56 was named a Tech & Learning Best for Back to School 2026 winner in the Secondary category. According to AVID, the headset?s compliance certifications include CPSIA and RoHS.

For school districts, selecting audio equipment involves balancing device compatibility, student comfort, durability, and purchasing considerations. Headsets with microphones are commonly used for digital learning activities, language instruction, reading assessments, and classroom communication, so choosing the right equipment matters to technology coordinators and educators alike.

?Schools are looking for audio equipment that supports their instructional needs while being practical to manage and maintain,? the spokesperson added. ?Having both 3.5mm and USB-C options gives technology coordinators more flexibility when selecting headsets for the devices already being used in their classrooms.?

Beyond educational settings, the AE-56 is also designed for healthcare applications, including staff training, virtual communication, and shared workstations. Its fixed microphone and adjustable fit provide an additional headset option for institutions that rely on audio technology throughout their daily operations.

The addition of the AE-56 expands Encore Data Products? existing selection of headphones, headsets with microphones, and other audio technology for schools and institutional customers. The company supplies products designed to support classroom instruction, digital assessments, and technology integration across a range of educational environments.

Additional product information, specifications, and purchasing options are available through Encore Data Products.

About Encore Data Products

Encore Data Products is a Lafayette, Colorado-based supplier of educational audio and technology solutions serving schools, libraries, businesses, and institutional customers. With 20 years of experience, the company provides headphones, headsets with microphones, earbuds, hearing protection, audiovisual technology, clean and healthy supplies, and related accessories. Encore Data Products works with educational institutions and organizations to provide equipment supporting classroom instruction, digital learning, testing, and everyday technology needs.

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