

PBL Training Options

- Provide administration and teachers an overview of PBL.
- Conduct planning sessions with a team (cross curricular, grade level, subject area) of teachers.
- Work with students and teachers during implementation phase.
- Guide preparation of culminating event.
- Assist in evaluation process.
- Plan for sustainability.

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**Project
Based
Learning:**

The Future
In
Education

What is PBL?



There are no silver bullets in education, but some bullets are better than others. One of these is Project Based Learning (PBL) which engages students in authentic, life-relevant learning experiences. This particular model of PBL is Technology-Inquiry Education, which employs technology as an integral component of the learning experience.

Why PBL?

“Ill-structured or open-ended problems are precisely the kinds of problems we need to identify and address in order to survive and thrive in our rapidly changing world.

-Shelley Carson in “Your Creative Brain.”

Who Benefits?

- Motivated, curious students
- Students who learn best by “doing”
- Students who seek real world relevance
- Students with learning challenges
- All students who benefit from differentiated learning

The 21st Century

Demands Students Who:

- are critical thinkers
- can collaborate
- can communicate
- are creative
- are curious

**Project-Based Learning
addresses these needs!**

How Does PBL Work?



Here is a recent example from a Rhode Island middle school unit on Egypt:

The Driving Question: After studying the historic Egypt of pharaohs and pyramids, students were led to investigate the question, “Should the U.S. continue foreign aid to Egypt?”

Inquiry: Using traditional texts and modern technology.

Response: Students engage in formal debate. The audience was other students, parents, and the school administration.

View a sample PBL unit: Search online for “Egypt Reflections I”