Project-Based Learning Made Easy



Webinar

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Today's Agenda

- What is PBL?
- 2. What are the benefits?
- 3. Team Projects and the Curriculum
- Steps
- 5. Examples







BIG CONCEPT

We are a project-oriented society. Many of our lives are project driven.

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What is PBL?

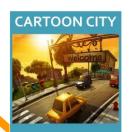
Project-Based Learning (PBL) is an instructional methodology that encourages students to learn and apply knowledge and skills through an engaging experience. PBL presents opportunities for deeper learning incontext and for the development of important skills tied to college and career readiness.

Maggie O'Brien www.definedstem.com

Different Forms of PBL

A full term where the curriculum is intertwined with the project. Learning by doing where students gain competence by researching and experimentation.

Students apply what they have learned in a project to build on and to reinforce past learning.



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What are the benefits of PBL?





- More engaging and relevant than traditional lessons where students are concentrating on real-world tasks.
- Builds success skills beyond language skills.
- Can give authentic opportunities to use technology.
- Helps students acquire academic and workplace skills.

Benefits

- Studies indicate that it improves learning.
- Addresses standards.
- Provides opportunities for research.



4Cs of 21st Century Skills:



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Team Projects and the Curriculum

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Team Projects Reinforce Past Learning

Team Projects are

When students apply all that they have learned in a unit by working on a team project using task-based activities that foster collaboration, negotiation, and teamwork producing a product.

Includes

- Applications of unit objectives.
- Task-based activities with a product.
- Activities that generate teamwork.

Food and Nutrition



What might be the objectives for this *Beginning High* unit?

Our Objectives

- Read a menu
- 2. Make a shopping list
- 3. Locate items in a supermarket
- 4. Identify healthy foods
- 5. Read recipes

The Project

Topic: Food and Nutrition

Objective: Plan a family menu for a week.

Position	Job			
Student 1: Leader	See that everyone speaks English. See that everyone participates.			
Student 2: Chef	Plan meals for the family with help from the team.			
Student 3: Shopper	Write a shopping list with the family with help from the team.			
Student 4: Spokesperson	Prepare a class presentation with help from the team.			

Build in Collaboration & Leadership.

The Project

Family Menu

Your family has no food in the house. You need to shop for food and plan meals. Make a menu for the week.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
							Breakfast
							Lunch
							Dinner

Product

Container or Quantity

	Recipe		
			Serves people
	Ingredients		
	ingredients	•	
	Instructions	·	
Shopping List			
Container or	Unit Price Tota	1	

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Steps



Food for a Week



1. Set the Stage

- Give an overview
- Show examples
- Don't be too specific

Teams

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1. Form teams of 4 or 5.

2. Form Teams

Language: Avoid same-language teams when possible

Level: Form by similar level or put strong people in each team.

Assign Team Positions: All team members help in every task.

3. Go through the steps

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- 2. Choose a name for your family.
- 3. Fill in a calendar with your meal plans for breakfast, lunch, and dinner for the week.

3. Go through the steps



4. Make a shopping list. How much of each item do you need. Estimate the prices of the items on your list. Make sure the total is under \$100.

3. Go through the steps

- Give a few steps at a time (Avoid allowing teams to get too far ahead.).
- Have students keep minutes (agenda/minute format)
- Have each team share periodically.

- 1. Form a team with 4 or 5 students forming a family.
- 2. Choose a name for your family.
- 3. Fill in a calendar with your meal plans for breakfast, lunch, and dinner for the week.
- 4. Make a shopping list. How much of each item do you need. Estimate the prices of the items on your list. Make sure the total is under \$100.
- 5. Write a recipe for one of your meals.
- 6. Prepare a family presentation to the class. Tell the class about the meals on your menu. How much money will you spend? How much money will be left over. What can you do with the money that is left over?

4. Work on the Project

CLASSROOM **FACILITATE MANAGEMENT** Have assigned person lead Encourage English. efforts. Work with the leader. Make sure all students participate Ask students to evaluate in each task. their teams Prepare teams for their Walk from team to team. presentations. Ask questions. Post all or some of the projects in Help the leader to make sure the classroom. everyone is participating.

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Examples

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n 	Make a class book	Create a student profile	Describe a student	Make a schedule	Create a goal chart	Create a personal profile
	Make a display (culture)	Plan a department store	Design a clothing store	Create a purchase plan	Purchase plan	Create a financial plan
	Make a shopping list	Create a restaurant	Plan a menu for a week	Create a housing plan	Real estate brochure	Create an auto handbook
	Open a clothing store	Plan a dream home	Plan a move	Create a city brochure	Community Resource Guide	Housing issues Presentation
	Describe your community	Make a city brochure	Describe your community	Create a healthy living plan	Community health pamphlet	Health Presentation
	Create an appointment book	Role-play an emergency	Make a health pamphlet	Create a job app portfolio	Job application portfolio	Create an online store
	Start a company	Get a new job	Make your own company	Create employee handbook	Solve a company problem	Set-up a business office
	Create a study guide	Meet your goals	Make a time line	Run for mayor	Conduct an election	Give an opinion speech



Examples

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CARTOON CITY



CARTOON CITY

Cartoon City is a small city. There are 3000 people in our city. We have 300 houses, 500 apartments, and mobile home place. We have also amusement park. It name is Toon Town. Many peoples like our city because fun for peoples.

The climate here is beautiful. It is sunny every day. The streets in our city are interesting. We have Toon Street, Looney Avenue, Superman Street, and Spiderman Blvd.

Please come to our city. We have big hotel and many tourists.

Mayor: Alejandro Vega

City Planner: Marisa Hernandez

Publicity Specialist: Trang Nguyen

Spokesperson: Leticia Bravo



Examples with Technology

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High Cholesterol

Housing

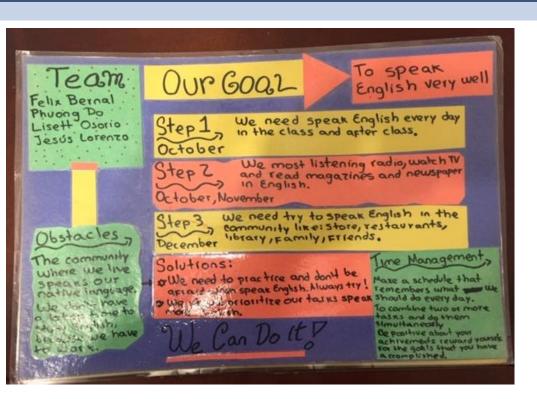
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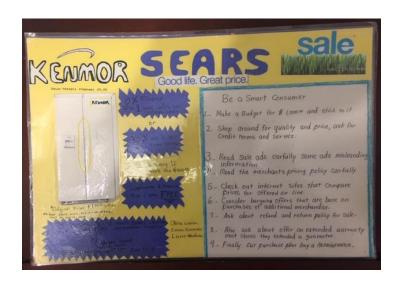




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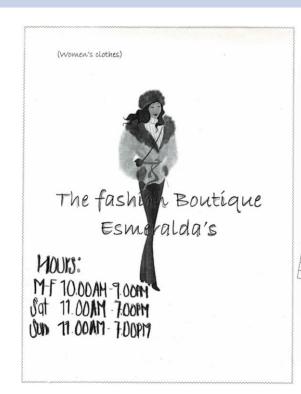
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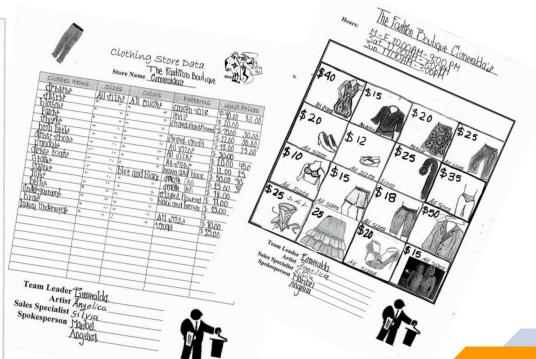




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