Make It Real: Implementing Project-Based Learning

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Teachers want to create memorable, meaningful learning experiences where students apply critical and creative thinking to real-world problems, but who has the time?! Our approach to project-based learning involves engaging students in projects that matter through cross-curricular content, real-world connections, and collaboration opportunities. Teachers explore several project-based learning units, discover practical strategies for integrating their content, and gain insights into creating a classroom culture that supports curiosity, creativity, and critical thinking. Teachers receive personalized instruction in project-based learning and leave with customized project plans that will wow their students.

Learning Objectives

- Learn the Blue Apple framework to transform any lesson into an authentic learning experience.
- Select and personalize projects to engage students actively, cognitively, and emotionally.
- Infuse projects with cross-curricular content, collaboration opportunities, and real-world connections.
- Discover strategies to promote a classroom culture that supports creative and critical thinking.

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Part 1 (2 hours): Foundations of Project-Based Learning

We all want students to see their learning as valuable and to understand how to apply it in the broader world. In this session, take the first steps to understanding why PBL is such a powerful tool for educators, and explore what great projects look like in practice.

Part 2 (2 hours): Creating High-Quality PBL Experiences

Make your projects something your students will remember forever! In this session, you'll become familiar with a powerful framework for building incredible PBL experiences. Develop questions that will launch your projects on the road to success, and receive valuable resources for collaborating with other teachers and with real-world experts.

Part 3 (2 hours): Refining Your PBL Experience

Refine your project-based learning experience through a series of feedback protocols designed to help you and your students get the most out of your plans. Come with a plan, and leave with a finely-tuned blueprint for PBL success!

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