The Bold School Framework

for Strategic Blended Learning™

Step 1

Identify Desired Academic Outcome(s)



- 1. What skill or skills do I want to cultivate in students?
- 2. What priority standards will be addressed in this lesson?

W.7.1a: Introduce claim(s), acknowledge and address alternate or opposing claims, and organize the reasons and evidence logically.

W.7.1e: Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the argument presented.

SWBAT an introductory paragraph by incorporating a hook, background, and thesis statement

Step 2:

Select a Goal-Aligned Instructional Strategy That Works



- 1. What high effect size instructional strategy or strategies will I leverage to meet the academic outcomes above?
- 2. What will my students be doing in this lesson? (e.g., Concept Mapping .64)
- 3. What will I be doing in this lesson? (e.g., Direct Instruction .60)

Step 3:

Choose Digital Tool



- 1. What digital tool or tools can I use to elevate the chosen high effect size strategy?
- 2. How will these tools make me more efficient and effective?
- 3. How will the tools elevate or increase the rigor or relevance of student learning?
- 4. Will these tools allow me to double down on instructional strategies where I am my most skillful, or will they be a distraction to me, or my students?

Step 4:

Plan Blended Instruction



- 1. How will I plan this lesson strategically with rigorous and relevant academic outcomes in mind?
- 2. What will I be doing and what will the students be doing throughout the class?

Step 5:



Self-Assess Your Plans and Progress with a Framework

Rigor/Relevance Framework:

- 1. Are learning tasks moving students out of Quad A (low rigor/low relevance) and toward Quad D (high rigor/high relevance)?
- 2. Rigor: Do questions or learning tasks require that students use the higher levels of cognition in Bloom's Knowledge Taxonomy? Are students evaluating, synthesizing, analyzing, and/or creating content?
- 3. Relevance: Will students be able to apply newly acquired knowledge across disciplines and/or to real-world predictable or unpredictable situations? Will students grasp that their learning is relevant to circumstances beyond the class content at hand?