

Ignite Student Achievement! Interdisciplinary Project-Based Learning

A full-day workshop for middle and high school teachers, administrators and professional support staff – just \$65 per person!



With Arlene LaPlante, national consultant on project-based learning, master scheduling and small learning communities; former teacher, administrator and urban district reform specialist

Session One: Why Interdisciplinary Project-Based Learning?

Learn the rationale for implementing interdisciplinary Project-Based Learning (PBL) at the middle and high school levels. From education research to neuroscience's latest findings, you'll discover why PBL drives student engagement and improves achievement in classrooms like yours. Then, you'll learn about the various kinds of PBL and why, in project-based classrooms, "the project IS the curriculum."

Session Two: Design an Interdisciplinary PBL Unit

Learn a step-by-step process to develop standards-rich, interdisciplinary Project-Based Learning units that bring academic rigor and real-world relevance to your classroom as they increase student engagement and achievement. Your students will enjoy applying standards-based academic content to authentic problems that require critical thinking and mastery of academic content. As you learn the steps of project development, you will create an actual project for your classroom.

Session Three: Present Your Interdisciplinary PBL Unit

Share the bones of your project in a supportive atmosphere and receive valuable feedback for refining your work. Take your project back to school for full development and implementation – either in one classroom, or in grade-level team classrooms! PBL is equally effective as a stand-alone classroom strategy and as a Professional Learning Community cornerstone.

Notes:

- ★ Important! Bring your state standards and framework, plus your course syllabus and textbook(s).
- ★ Interdisciplinary grade-level middle school and high school teams encouraged; individual teachers welcomed!

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9:00 am – 3:00 pm (Lunch On Your Own)

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