Join the Blended Learning Revolution and Drive Sustained Success

Online and traditional instruction combine to improve learning outcomes.

The blended learning revolution is helping schools engage more students, improve outcomes, and build the next generation of K-12 learning environments.
The best of both worlds

Researchers stress, “Tailoring the lesson to each child is nearly impossible in a typical classroom with 20 to 35 students and only one teacher.” As a result, individualized, technology-driven, student-centered instruction is becoming a reality.

Blended learning is increasingly supporting individualized learning as well as the benefits of traditional instruction — “more supervision, face-to-face mentors, and in-person fun with friends.” Many schools across the country are providing the best of both worlds to engage students.

A GROWING MOVEMENT

The growth of blended learning, driven by engaging content and more student devices, has led to fully blended schools in at least 24 states. By 2019, according to the Clayton Christensen Institute, about 50 percent of high school courses will be online, with most in blended learning environments.

In California, 66 percent of school leaders surveyed in 2014 said they used blended learning, compared with 34 percent using a fully online model. Eighty-one percent said they offered online courses, compared with 66 percent in 2012. In 2015, Teach for America announced that it would begin training some candidates in blended learning rather than traditional methods.

A VARIETY OF MODELS

Schools are implementing blended learning in different and creative ways.

• In the rotation model, students rotate between online and face-to-face instruction in one or two classes. Often found in a flipped classroom, teachers deliver instructional content after school and move traditional homework into the classroom, thereby increasing their interaction with students.

• In the flex model, students rotate between online and face-to-face instruction in every class.

• In the enriched virtual model, students divide their time between school and home for every class and do not need to physically attend school every day.

• In the a la carte model, students take one or more classes entirely online and other classes in a traditional classroom.

“What is becoming increasingly clear is that blended learning has enormous potential to personalize learning and boost achievement for all students at scale. It’s this potential that is so exciting.”

— Author Michael B. Horn

BENEFITS OF BLENDED LEARNING

• Builds student engagement and motivation
• Allows students to progress at their own rate
• Supports self-directed learning
• Maintains student-teacher collaboration
• Provides advanced courses where necessary
• Improves student and teacher productivity
• Offers cost effective options in a time when budget cuts are the norm

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IMPROVING OUTCOMES
As educators move toward a more student-centered approach to achievement, blended learning is combining the benefits of online interaction and traditional teacher-led instruction.

Districts across the country are seeing measurable increases in student achievement after implementing blended learning programs.

- Math, reading, and science scores on state assessments are significantly higher.
- Graduation rates have risen by 20 percent.
- Students are earning more college credits while still in high school.
- Some blended learning schools are now ranked among the top schools in their districts and states.⁹

TECHNOLOGY CHOICES
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