



Reinventing Professional Development for PBL Educators: The PBL Global Hybrid Solution

Getting Teachers 21st Century 'Ready'

At the heart of the 21st Century teacher's skillset is the ability to employ projects and inquiry, use best practices and proven methods for project based learning, and design learning environments that encourage growth, connection, and student engagement. But training teachers in these in-depth skills is expensive and time-consuming. The one-off workshop solution is not effective, and doesn't offer continuous learning over time with peers or opportunities for real world application in the classroom.

So, what's the answer? Use a flipped or blended approach to professional development by combining online instruction in PBL skills and methods with coaching workshops that help teachers apply and share their new knowledge.

How does the blended approach work?

This approach works because [PBL Global](#) offers a unique library of online courses based on an innovative, engaging social learning platform that enables teachers to learn and apply the principles and best practices of PBL, including *Introduction to PBL & Best Practices* and *Build Your PBL Skill Set*. Teachers from [Fairfax County Schools](#), [iLEAD Schools](#), and other districts now use this personalized, project-based, platform to immerse themselves in a micro-badged, gamified environment that integrates classroom application and experience with continuous reflection, sustained learning, and a PLC network.

These are great outcomes. But PBL is complex and benefits from coaching. PBL Global follows up the online courses with one day advanced coaching workshops, in which [Thom Markham](#)—a founding father of PBL, author of the *Handbook on Project Based Learning* from the [Buck Institute of Education](#), and leading expert on PBL who has presented at over 350 schools and coached 6000+ teachers—helps teachers use their knowledge to collaborate to improve project design and prepare for implementation. Teachers emerge from the blended experience with a set of powerful new tools and competencies:

- Learn to plan a successful project by 'thinking like a designer.'
- Learn the key practices and methods vital for high quality, accountable, projects.
- Learn how PBL teachers integrate standards, inquiry, and innovation.
- Know how to set up a 'PBL-friendly' classroom culture.
- Learn best methods for organizing and managing student teams.
- Learn to coach and mentor students on 21st century skills.
- Know how to deepen and establish PBL throughout the school or District.

Get world class expertise. Save time and money.

The license for each library user is \$150.00. No set aside PD day required. Personalized and asynchronous. No subs to be paid. That adds up to a bargain. **And, enroll 50 teachers or more by June 1, 2017, and get the coaching day free from Thom!** Add a kick off day, training of District instructional coaches, or remote support for year over year success. For cost-effective, time-saving, world-class PBL training, contact Thom Markham at thom@pblglobal.com for details.