

Workshop One

Panic to Practical: Remote Learning Done Right!

A Professional Learning Sequence

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Session #1 Why Should we Shift from Compliance to Empowerment?

What an exciting time to be in education as everything can be reimaged! During this session, your team will learn about the NOW Classroom framework that empowers students and teachers in any type of learning environment, including face to face, virtual learning, and in a hybrid model including:

- Developing a growth mindset for teachers, students, administrators, and parents.
- Create a deeper understanding of student voice and choice in the movement to empower students.
- Develop relationships with teachers and students by practicing the 4C's of collaboration, communication, creativity, and critical thinking through project-based learning.

Create blended learning strategies for face-to-face and remote learning.

Session #2 Who Owns the Learning?

In a teacher-focused classroom, the teacher owns the learning, planning, and assessment of everything compared to a NOW Classroom, where the student directs his or her own learning. During this session, teachers will learn strategies and digital tools to empower students to own the learning, including:

- Establish the use of digital tools to communicate, collaborate, create, and think critically.
- Identify strategies for students to create work in different models like Makerspaces, Wonder Weeks, and Genius Hour projects.
- Develop management strategies to organize independent and group projects.
- Creating and using choice boards with students that empower independent thinking and problem-solving.

Session #3 How Does Instruction Need to Change?

In NOW Classrooms, students self-group and collaborate with each other consulting the teacher as needed. This is in contrast to teacher direct instruction most of the time, while students passively consume information. To make the shift to students owning their learning some things you will experience in this session are:

- Designing opportunities for students to collaborate in small groups using digital tools.

- Organizing and managing student learning inside and outside of the classroom.
- Motivating students to creatively showcase what they have learned.
- Monitoring learning with small and large groups using different technology resources.

Session #4 Why Modify Assignments?

In teacher-driven classrooms, students work individually on the same steps of a project moving through the process altogether in contrast to students owning the process and managing their learning in a NOW Classroom. Some strategies you will learn in this session include:

- Rethinking project objectives and assessments to empower students.
- Changing pedagogy from paper packets of student work and one-size-fits-all rubrics to collaborative projects that include student voice and choice.
- Managing groups of students using technology tools to collaborate together and publish their projects to a broader audience.
- Organizing individualized student learning plans and progress monitoring using digital tools.

Session #5 How Do Students Receive Feedback and Assessments?

In NOW Classrooms, students receive feedback from all different sources, including experts across the globe, the teacher, and peers. Learn how to design these feedback loops and technology tools that can help streamline the process of learning. In this session, we will explore:

- Locating and managing digital tools to provide timely feedback and assessments.
- Organizing, teaching, and managing peer feedback.
- Maximizing artificial intelligence tools to provide immediate feedback to students.
- Using formative assessments to modify instruction.

Session #6 How Can Technology be Used to Solve Real-World Problems?

In NOW Classrooms, students use technology to solve real-world problems, personalizing their learning, and connecting to outside experts instead of completing paper-pencil packets. Learn how to make this a reality by exploring:

- Preparing our students for their technology-rich future using the tools we have today.
- Exploring how technology can be used seamlessly at home and at school by establishing new workflows for teachers and students.
- Exposing students to new career possibilities by connecting with outside experts.
- Moving beyond skill practice with technology to creating using digital tools.