

5 BOLD STEPS TO MASTERFUL BLENDED LEARNING

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STEP 1: DETERMINE THE LEARNING OUTCOME

Masterful blended learning doesn't begin with tools. It begins by asking, "What academic outcomes will students achieve today?" It begins when we determine, "What priority standards will I address in this lesson?"



STEP 2: SELECT INSTRUCTIONAL STRATEGIES

It's not time to think about technology yet. Once we understand the academic outcome(s) for the day, we have to determine which high effect-size instructional strategies will most effectively and efficiently allow us to meet those outcomes.



STEP 3: CHOOSE DIGITAL TOOLS

Now that we've put first things first, we can select digital tools that make instructional strategies more effective and efficient than ever before. Chances are, technology can improve these strategies in ways you haven't considered.



STEP 4: PLAN FOR SUCCESS

What gets planned gets done. Now that we know our academic outcome, understand which strategies we will leverage to meet that outcome, and have considered how to utilize digital tools to make those strategies more efficient and effective, we can plan for success.



STEP 5: ASSESS FOR RIGOR & RELEVANCE

Are students working and thinking? Are kids getting their hands on the content and engaging with it in authentic and meaningful ways? Can students take this new knowledge and apply it to real-world/unpredictable situations? If the answer to any of these questions is "no," we need to take an honest look at how we can improve the lesson.



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