

BLENDED LEARNING

Face-to-face and online learning swirl together in this recipe for a delightful treat that maximizes productivity and student outcome.

Ingredients

1 PHYSICAL CLASSROOM • 1 FLEXIBLE DIGITAL LEARNING ENVIRONMENT • 1 DEDICATED TEACHER
1 TECHNOLOGY DEVICE FOR EACH STUDENT, ENOUGH FOR GROUP ROTATION, OR DEVICES ACCESSIBLE OUTSIDE OF THE CLASSROOM

Directions

1. **Consider your goals.** Do you want to increase communication between students, parents, and teachers? Facilitate student collaboration? Encourage critical thinking? By defining your goals, you're more likely to achieve success in your blended learning classroom.
2. Think about the hardware and software you currently have available to you and **what tools you need.** Does each student have a device, or will you need to rotate groups between instructor-led and online activities? Will you need a **learning management system (LMS)** that will save you time in preparing lessons, grading and communicating with stakeholders?
3. Think about how **integrating technology** into your lesson can help you better reach your goals. For example, you can save time by sharing feedback with online grading, or even recording audio or video comments to accommodate a variety of learners.
4. Give students **voice and choice** to make learning more meaningful to them. Encourage them to choose how to demonstrate what they've learned by allowing them to turn in a text assignment, a drawing, and audio recording, or a video.

Boost productivity with some of these ideas:

- Rather than making paper copies, stapling and distributing to students, post assignments and handouts online for easy access by students.
- Instead of spending hours curating and creating curriculum, use pre-vetted and standards-aligned [Open Education Resources](#).
- When grading online, give feedback using text, audio or video. Or have students assess peers through online discussions for more meaningful interactions.
- Ask students to review online materials for homework, then use class time for collaboration and personalized teaching time.

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