



# What is the Engage! Learning Model?

## ELM is...

a proven model of collaborative, problem-solving and learning based on design thinking used throughout the business world (*Change by Design* by Tim Brown; *The Design of Business* by Roger Martin)

a model where the teacher leads, designs, and facilitates: asks questions, provides small-group direct instruction, vets resources, provides critique, assesses and evaluates learning.

a model where students are actively engaged in mastering knowledge and skills and applying them to a real problem utilizing available technology tools.

structured using five clear protocols that teach collaboration, time management, problem analysis, responsibility, teamwork, research skills, and intervention/ conflict resolution

supported by systems including collaborative professional learning, coaching, online resources and an online design platform

## ELM is not...

a new instructional program, trend, theory, or fad that does not have a solid research base.

a model where the teacher is passive or non-essential or can be replaced by a computer/automated

a model where students “do projects” at the end of units

unstructured and/or reliant on one or two students to do the work for the group

delivered in a one-shot training that has little chance to transfer to the classroom and impact students

## In ELM, curriculum is...

100% standards-based

relevant, authentic

aligned to the district scope and sequence

designed by teachers in collaboration with other content experts and coaches

## In ELM, curriculum is not...

based on open-ended outcomes

hypothetical

an “add-on” to district expectations

a “canned” product

## In ELM, assessment is...

ongoing, individual, and standards-based

based on evidence of individual mastery of the standards

pervasive beginning with the pre-assessment, formative throughout the unit including multiple progress checks, and summative both before and after the product creation

inclusive of the skills that are critical to college and career readiness (communication, collaboration, critical thinking, creativity, professional ethics)

## In ELM, assessment is not...

a group grade

based only on quality or creativity of a product

one-time in the product or project

only for a grade on a report card