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“Don’t dwell on what went wrong. Instead focus on what to do next. Spend your energies on moving forward toward finding the answer.”

-Denis Waitley

The “Flipped Classroom”

Let’s play Buzzword Bingo! Blended Learning. Flipped classroom. Personalized Learning. Educational Technology. 1:1.

Who has a bingo?

While this may be a tongue-in-cheek way of looking at current educational trends, this list does contain many key items that we are moving toward in the state of Nebraska.

The Nebraska BlendEd Initiative was created in partnership with NDE, ESU Coordinating Council, and all 17 ESUs. Blended learning is an educational model that combines traditional face-to-face classroom methods with online delivery and participation. It also includes an element of student control of time, place, pace, and path. It is the goal of this initiative to provide the following:

- a learning management system available to all teachers and students enhancing traditional face-to-face and video conferencing courses;

- a statewide repository of learning objects in Safari Montage;
- online modules/courses that provide students with some element of control over time, place, path, and/or pace of their learning;
- a single sign-on (one login and password for every teacher and student) with one-stop shopping, access to permitted resources with just one login to remember; and
- creation of comprehensive Professional Development opportunities for technology-assisted instructional design so that teachers learn how to adapt their teaching to blended models.

So what does this mean for you? This is a new way of looking at the traditional classroom and transitioning to a student-centered learning environment that seamlessly integrates technology. And it’s not just for the sake of technology. Blended learning is giving our students the opportunities to learn in new ways - online simulations, online content, face-to-face discussions, peer collaboration, online discussion boards, digital



Mission

Nebraska Family and Consumer Sciences integrates family and career readiness with technical skill instruction within a critical science perspective. As a result, our students are empowered to navigate the challenges of living and working in diverse communities, while striving for a high quality of life.

production, and more.

If you would like to know more or even how to get started, let us know. We have a wonderful professional learning opportunity that will provide you with a solid foundation of blended learning and even get you started with a lesson or unit. Email Kristina Peters for more information: kristina.peters@nebraska.gov.

“180 days, 24 students, 1 teacher, 1 path and 1 pace = teacher teaching to the middle. It’s time to redesign teaching.” - Marcia Kish,

Call to Action
Have additional questions about BlendEd, please contact Kristina Peters at kristina.peters@nebraska.gov

CSO Spotlight

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Chances are pretty good that at some point in the next week you will sit down to enjoy a meal with those you love. We know that regular family meals promote health eating habits, create a bond between parents and children, and improve children’s academic performance in school.

So pledge to eat a meal together now by visiting <http://bit.ly/1CFie3N> and encourage others to do the same! You can even pledge multiple meals at the same time!