

Some Websites for “Best Practice” Instruction*

General

Accomplished Teaching, by Smart Brief

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Instructional Strategies Online

Examines five different types of instructional strategies and gives specific examples of each – direct instruction, indirect instruction, experiential learning, independent study, and interactive learning.

<http://olc.spsd.sk.ca/DE/PD/instr/index.html>

Prince George’s County Public Schools – Instructional Strategies

Investigate a variety of instructional strategies and research-based best practices, including performance-based instruction, Dimensions of Learning, and cooperative learning.

<http://www.pgcps.pg.k12.md.us/~elc/strategies.html>

Sabine Parish School District

This school district provides excellent instructional resources.

<http://www.sabine.k12.la.us/vrschool/instructstrat.htm>

Jay McTighe’s Website

Go to resources/UbD related web sites, and stage three items on instruction for a number of websites that will be helpful for understanding based instruction

www.jaymctighe.com

The Big 6 Information Processing Model

The Big6 is a widely used approach for teaching information literacy, research, and technology skills. The Big6 is an information and technology literacy model and curriculum, implemented in thousands of schools – K through higher education. Some people call the Big6 an information

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problem-solving strategy because with the Big6, students are able to handle any problem, assignment, decision or task.

<http://www.big6.com/>

http://nb.wsd.wednet.edu/big6/big6_resources.htm

Glossary of Instructional Strategies

Site provides a glossary of a large number of instructional strategies

<http://glossary.plasmalink.com/glossary.html>

Literature Based Instruction

An excellent instructional overview of strategies for improving literature based instruction.

http://www.eduplace.com/rdg/res/literacy/lit_ins4.html

Research based-Brain Compatible Instructional Strategies

An excellent description of Marzano's Research Based Instructional Strategies and Brain Compatible Strategies from Dr. Marcia Tate

<http://www.bedfordk12tn.com/instst.html>

Before, During and After Instruction

Instructional Strategies for Engaging Learners Before, During and After Lessons

<http://its.guilford.k12.nc.us/act/strategies/>

Nine research-based instructional strategies from *Classroom Instruction That Works* (Marzano)

<http://www.middleweb.com/MWLresources/marzchat1.html>

Graphic Organizers

A number of websites that illustrate different types of graphic organizers and how to use them:

www.eduplace.com/graphicorganizer

edhelper.com/teachers/graphic_organizers.htm

<http://freeology.com/graphicorgs/>

www.graphic.org

<http://www.sdcoe.net/score/actbank/torganiz.htm>

Graphic Organizers for Reading Comprehension:
<http://www2.scholastic.com/browse/article.jsp?id=2983>

Project Based Learning

A project based learning website that links to many project based resources:
<http://www.smallschoolsproject.org/index.asp?siteloc=tool§ion=despbl>

A major project based learning website is the Bucks Institute for Education:
<http://www.bie.org/>

Edutopia has an entire section of its website devoted to project based learning:

<http://www.edutopia.org/project-based-learning>

Also look on this website for “Ten Takeaway Tips for Project Based Instruction, at: <http://www.edutopia.org/stw-replicating-pbl-tips-get-started>

The West Virginia Department of Education has placed information about Project Based learning on line, including tools for developing projects, sample rubrics, student contracts, and other tools. Some sample project designs are also in place.

<http://wvde.state.wv.us/teach21/pbl.html>

Here’s another major weblink for project based learning:

<http://pbl-online.org/>

Learn about project based learning at the following weblink:

<http://www.globalschoolnet.org/web/pbl/index.htm>

Want to learn about project, problem and inquiry based learning? Go to:

<http://eduscapes.com/tap/topic43.htm>

Problem Based Learning

Significant resources for Problem Based Learning can be found at:

<http://www.udel.edu/inst/>

http://www4.nau.edu/eeop/aqcp/pbl_resources.asp

http://pbl.cqu.edu.au/content/online_resources.htm

<http://www.pkal.org/documents/Vol4ProblemBasedLearningPedagogies.cfm>

Discussion Strategies

The Touchstones Program provides a set of resources, a training program, and discussion strategies for a variety of subject areas:

<http://www.touchstones.org/>

The Great Books Foundation provides multiple materials and readings, K-12, along with a “shared inquiry” discussion strategy, that focuses on deep thinking and interpretations of literature:

<http://www.greatbooks.org/programs-for-all-ages/junior.html>

Asking Good Questions

Go to this link to learn more about how to get students to ask their own questions: *<http://www.hepg.org/hel/article/507#home>*