



Project Essentials Checklist

Does the Project . . .?			?
FOCUS ON SIGNIFICANT CONTENT AND AUTHENTIC ISSUES Students learn important subject matter content and address problems and issues from the world outside the classroom			
ORGANIZE ACTIVITIES AROUND A DRIVING QUESTION OR CHALLENGE Students find the complex, open-ended question or challenge to be a meaningful focus for their work			
ESTABLISH A NEED TO KNOW AND DO Students are brought into the project by an entry event that captures interest and begins the inquiry process			
ENGAGE STUDENTS IN INQUIRY Students think deeply and ask further questions as they generate answers and solutions			
REQUIRE INNOVATION Students generate new answers and/or create unique products in response to the Driving Question or challenge			
DEVELOP 21ST CENTURY SKILLS Students build critical & creative thinking, collaboration, and presentation skills that are taught and assessed			
ENCOURAGE STUDENT VOICE AND CHOICE Students, with guidance from the teacher, make decisions that affect the course of the project			
INCORPORATE FEEDBACK AND REVISION Students use feedback to improve their work and create high quality products			
CONCLUDE WITH A PUBLIC PRESENTATION Students exhibit products or present solutions and explain their work to others and respond to content- and process-focused questions			

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