

## **Design Workshops**



# Bring Educators Together to Design Their Path to Powerful Student-Centered Learning

New initiatives—such as a more rigorous curriculum, a focus on social-emotional learning, or the launch of a new PD model—present challenges and opportunities for educators wishing to create student-centered schools. But large-group lectures can feel abstract. Individual teams can become siloed. In a BetterLesson Design Workshop, small groups of teachers, coaches, or administrators "design" a plan to master high-impact approaches to student-centered learning—in classrooms and within and across schools. This intensive support builds teachers', coaches', and administrators' confidence to make big shifts and grow as educators.

## Learn by Doing, Not "Sit and Get"

Design Workshops are full day, on-site, hands-on, and collaborative learning experiences. They are facilitated by a BetterLesson coach-an expert educator with experience in active adult learning. Participants will:

- Focus on learning goals aligned to district needs
- **Experience** a "design thinking" methodology where they identify their specific challenges, explore select, high-impact strategies, and build a concrete plan to test these strategies using "Try-Measure-Learn"
- Collaborate with colleagues to develop shared understanding

Participants also access thousands of instructional strategies and lesson plans created by master teachers, available in the online platform BetterLesson Lab.

#### **BetterLesson**

We partner with education organizations to reimagine professional learning, build teacher and leader capacity, and improve outcomes for all students. "This is one of the best PD experiences I have been to. The facilitators were very knowledgeable and made me think differently about my practices. I know I have grown as an educator."

-ASHLEY HAINES, 6th Grade Teacher



## Design Workshops at a Glance

A full-day, on-site event

1 BetterLesson coach per 25 participants (teachers, coaches, and/or administrators)

Access to the online BetterLesson Lab, which houses thousands of high-quality instructional materials





**Ideal for** schools and districts seeking to:

- Launch a new curriculum or instructional initiative
- Deepen educators' knowledge and skills in student-centered practices





#### Instructional Leadership

Focus Areas Collaborative Professional Learning Feedback and Observation Instructional Coaching Leading Through Change

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# 4 Essential Elements of Student-Centered Teaching and Learning

Design Workshops focus on one Focus Area within one of the 4 Elements listed below, based on school and district needs:



## **Inclusive and Responsive Practices**

#### Focus Areas Social-Emotional Learning Culturally Responsive Teaching and Learning Trauma-Informed Practices Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Special Education English Language Learners



## **Curriculum and Academic Content**

Focus Areas Student-Centered Math Student-Centered Literacy Open Up Resources EL Education Newsela and other curricula...

## **Flexible Instructional Models**

#### Focus Areas

Accelerating Growth Formative Assessment and Differentiation Blended Learning Hybrid and Virtual Learning Project-Based Learning Competency-Based Learning

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