

We asked students to describe New Tech in one word. These were their answers:

“Engaging”

“Welcoming”

“Fun”

“Challenging”

“Intriguing”



## Frequently Asked Questions

**Is this a technology program?** No; we use technology to further our projects and our understanding of a subject.

**How often are we in groups?** Groups are assigned before every project, meaning that we’re in groups a lot.

**Is New Tech a part of Franklin?** Although we are in a different building than the rest of the campus, we are all **proud to be Franklin Cougars!**

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## What is PBL?

Every child learns in their own special way; not everyone can retain information from lecturing alone. Whether it be visual, verbal, or hands-on, Project Based Learning (PBL) provides a unique and efficient learning style that can be adjusted to a student's personal needs. Students are separated into groups that ensure each student can play to their individual strengths.

## What is New Tech?

New Tech is an instructional approach to Project Based Learning. This hands-on, 4-year program provides structure and support to ensure long-term success. New Tech introduces group work and problem solving. Facilitators provide workshops and resources as needed, such as critical friends, project work time, and routine benchmarks to keep students on task.



## PBL vs. Traditional Education

PBL is different from lecture based learning because projects are assigned in groups. Students are assigned a problem which they must complete with their group. Final products may vary depending on what the group decides. Projects are then presented in front of the class to be graded. Many New Tech students find PBL more engaging and get more out of it than traditional learning.

## PBL Characteristics

Project based learning is learning through a new dynamic classroom approach that introduces a deeper knowledge into group communication and real-world problems. PBL is used to help students acquire real world knowledge and experiences. Once a task is assigned, students will work through several types of activities, and workshops are provided to help the student(s) as needed. The students will also get a chance to introduce their ideas to their teammates and receive constructive feedback from their teammates.



## Why Choose PBL?

- PBL can be more effective than traditional education for **skill development** and **long-term retention**.
- PBL prepares students with **real world skills** for college and the workplace.
- PBL **improves students' attitudes** toward school.
- PBL can help **improve scores** on annual standardized tests.
- PBL is especially effective in **engaging lower-achieving students**.
- PBL teaches & improves **21<sup>st</sup> century skills, collaboration, and problem-solving skills**.
- PBL teachers are **more involved with teaching and interacting with students**.

