

Winter Bridge

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Agenda

- Introduction
- Staff collaboration and ownership of Winter Bridge planning
- TSI support strategies and test administration
- PBL
- College exploration and college readiness skills

Logistics

- Schedules built with teacher input through PLC
- Google tools allowed for virtual collaboration

On-Campus Testing

- New for the 2016–2017 school year
- More tests = more data = more motivation = higher completion rates
- Students have a greater voice in their testing and feel empowered.
- Greater ownership for the student of TSI status
- Teachers are able to have some say in timing of student testing instead of a “one-and-done” approach.
- More teacher ownership of helping students achieve TSI complete status

Student TSI Testimonials

- Students feel empowered when they track their growth.
- Students feel empowered by making choices in their study plan.

Winter Bridge PBL

- The Time Killer!

Using the Whole Campus is Best!

Benefits:

- Allows students to learn their surroundings for the coming semester
- Allows students to get accustomed to asking for assistance from adults not directly associated with the ECHS
- Allows students enough freedom to take ownership of their learning
- Allows teachers to check in on groups periodically to ensure checkpoints are being met

Cross-Curricular is Best!

Benefits:

- Gives every teacher on the campus ownership
- Gives students entry points in subjects they feel comfortable in
- Allows for every subject to be touched on during a week, even without seeing those teachers
- Shows students that all subjects aren't taught in a vacuum

Broad is Best!

Benefits:

- Allows for maximum creativity
- Ensures that students won't mimic the ideas of others
- Allows students to shine in certain areas of the cross-curricular style of assignment, even if they don't excel in all of them
- Allows for students to look at a variety of different source materials and learn important research habits

Small Groups Are Best!

Benefits:

- Allows for students to collaborate
- Allows for students to craft more creative ideas by building on the thoughts of others
- Promotes healthy competition between students and ensures they continue to work hard to improve their own projects
- Allows for delegation of tasks without students being left out or forced to do everything

College and Career Exploration

- College Visits
- Schedule
- Interview Workshop