



Wikispaces Private Label and Project-Based Learning

Project-based learning (PBL) gives students a deeper experience of core content by encouraging them to explore practical solutions to open-ended problems or debates. With Wikispaces Private Label, you and your faculty can provide your students with an ideal environment for PBL: a robust, flexible virtual presence with the security of administrative oversight.

Open questions and real problems

A focus on real-world problems — and how to solve them — helps students recognize that their studies are relevant and important. This, in turn, cultivates a deeper interest in both the subject matter and the learning process. Your Wikispaces Private Label site gives students a live web presence where they can be a part of the world they're exploring. Meanwhile, you know that they are in a secure environment where they can do their work safely.

Student-led investigation

When students take command of a project, they learn independence, self-reliance, and self-confidence. With Wikispaces, you can give each student group their own workspace: either a team within a [Project](#), or a completely separate wiki. You and your faculty can provide guidance and rubrics, but the students themselves get to do the building part of the wiki. Within this space, the students will be able to make crucial decisions about content, structure, and design.

Practical and technical skills

In addition to the coverage of core content, PBL helps students develop skills that will serve them well beyond school: things like research techniques, processes for problem-solving, making decisions, investigating a topic, and, of course, technical skills. With Wikispaces, students will be learning to use 21st-century tools while they gather and share resources for a successful project.

Feedback and revision

Peer review helps students develop a stronger end product. With Projects you can adjust permissions as students reach different stages of their projects, [discussions](#) let reviewers ask questions and encourage students to revise (or defend) their work, and [comments](#) allow reviewing students to comment directly on specific parts of the work.

“The logically formulated material of a science or branch of learning, of a study, is no substitute for the having of individual experiences.”

John Dewey
The Child and the Curriculum

Publication to an authentic audience

Because the real world is the premise for so many PBL units, it only makes sense for your students to share their results with a real-world audience. With Wikispaces Private Label, your students can [embed](#) a variety of presentation media in their wiki: videos, voice recordings, photos, and more. The wiki then acts as a web page that students can share with the community.

Additional resources

- [Wikispaces Private Label](#)
- [PBL resource roundup](#)
- [Wikispaces Projects for group work](#)

Start your [free trial](#) today, or [contact us](#) to discuss your plans and needs.