



## The Challenges You Face

As budgets become increasingly tight, meeting your students' diverse needs can seem like an uphill battle. Like many school districts today, you may be looking for:

- Compelling content without additional textbook expense
- A new way to provide scheduling flexibility to help students deal with already full academic schedules, work commitments, and other family responsibilities
- Expanded options to meet individual student needs

Blended learning—the fastest growing online learning model in the United States—is a cost-effective way to increase course options and provide greater flexibility for your students.



**Blended learning with FuelEd is an affordable way to:**

- Expand your catalog
- Meet the individual needs of more students
- Provide scheduling flexibility
- Easily keep track of student progress

## How Blended Learning Can Work for You

We've helped our school district partners implement a variety of blended learning models that were defined in "Classifying K-12 Blended Learning," a 2013 report by the Clayton Christensen Institute, including:

### Lab Rotation

Students rotate from a traditional classroom into a blended learning lab during one period during the day to focus on a specific course or subject, such as a world language, an AP course, or math.

### À La Carte

Students choose to take one or more courses entirely online to supplement their traditional courses. Students may take the online courses either on the brick-and-mortar campus or offsite.

### Flex Model

High school students are on campus for a full school day, as many as five days a week, where they are taught and supervised by teachers and administrative staff. Each student has an Individualized Learning Plan, and spends part of their day working independently in online courses. The rest of the time is spent with teachers for targeted interventions and remediation in small groups, or in lab environments for collaborative projects. Alexandria City Public Schools in Virginia offers a flex model through the T.C. Satellite Campus, a facility located in a local mall where students can take classes and meet with teachers.

### Enriched Virtual

In these full-time virtual programs, students divide their time between attending a blended learning facility at a brick-and-mortar school for a few days a week, and learning remotely using online content and instruction. The **Falcon Virtual Academy**, offered through the Falcon School District in Colorado Springs, Colorado, is an excellent example of this model.

### Flipped Classroom

Students rotate between face-to-face teacher-guided practice or project-based learning on campus during the standard school day and online delivery of content and instruction of the same subject from a remote location—often at home—after school. The primary delivery of content and instruction is online with students applying what they have learned while they are in the traditional classroom.

**We can help you determine which model fits your district's needs—and develop an implementation plan to ensure your program's success.**

## The FuelEd Solution

Fuel Education has the curriculum, technology, and support services to develop a blended learning program that is tailored for your school or district. Blended learning with FuelEd offers the best of both worlds: award-winning, flexible curricula with a single online learning management platform, plus face-to-face interaction with teachers and mentors when and where a student needs it.

### Curriculum

The widely adopted FuelEd curriculum includes high-quality, standards-based online courses for middle school and high school that can be offered as part of the school day, in-class, or after school. The FuelEd curriculum is designed to meet each student at his or her point of need—from those who are struggling to those seeking greater academic challenges. It includes:

- English, math, science, and history/social studies for each grade 6–12
- 3 academic levels for high school; Foundations, Standard, and AP®—plus credit recovery
- 6 world languages for high school; 42 career-building electives; more than 40 STEM courses

### Technology

Fuel Education makes enrollment, tracking, and reporting of your blended learning program a breeze. Through PEAK, our **Personalized Learning Platform**, administrators and teachers can easily glean intelligence about all of their students at any given time through a single, integrated interface. The academic health dashboard shows at a glance which students are on target, at risk, or disengaged. Students who need help are instantly identified, and an automatic alert is sent to each user's dashboard based on their role. The **PEAK Office Mobile app** for the iPhone® or iPad® lets you track student progress or handle other administrative tasks while away from your desk.

### Services

To help ensure the success of your blended learning program, we offer a range of **professional development** options for administrators, teachers, Learning Coaches, and mentors. We can train your teachers how to use our curriculum and technology to engage students and provide personalized instruction. Or, you can rely on our highly qualified, certified teachers for **expert instruction** to fill a temporary position or provide a permanent online teaching solution. We also offer **program consulting** from seasoned online education experts who will sit down with you to discuss all aspects of setting up and maintaining a successful online learning program—from definition, to driving effectiveness, to measuring results.

## AT-A-GLANCE: CASE STUDY

### Falcon Virtual Academy Colorado

**Challenge:** In 2010, Falcon School District was faced with fast-growing enrollment and overcrowded schools that were already at 103% capacity.

**Solution:** To offer students in grades K–12 more education options, Falcon launched its first online school, Falcon Virtual Academy (FVA), in 2010 with 59 enrolled students. Two years later, FVA obtained a facility that they developed into an open, comfortable blended learning environment designed to be a cross between “Starbucks and Google.” Today, more than 500 full-time and part-time students are served by FVA, where they receive face-to-face support, as needed, from teachers, Learning Coaches, and parent volunteers, and participate in project-based learning groups.

**Results:** In just three years, FVA has gone from a “Priority Improvement Status” to “Performance Status”—skipping “Improvement Status” altogether. ACT scores have increased by 8–10 percentage points, and FVA outperformed the state and district in growth and in graduation rate. In the spring of 2013, FVA attained a 100 percent graduation rate.

Regardless of the type or size of blended learning program you would like to implement, our flexible pricing models allow you to improve student outcomes while reducing costs. Contact us for a free consultation.

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