

Finding the Blended Learning Model that's Right for Your School



Blended Learning - It's more than just technology and paper

Seeking to institute a Blended Learning model in your school? The key is finding the *blend* between online and offline learning experiences that fits best with your technology resources and students' learning needs.

The following pages will depict the different Blended Learning models (as defined by the Clayton Christensen Institute) and explain what types of schools and communities have had success with the various models.



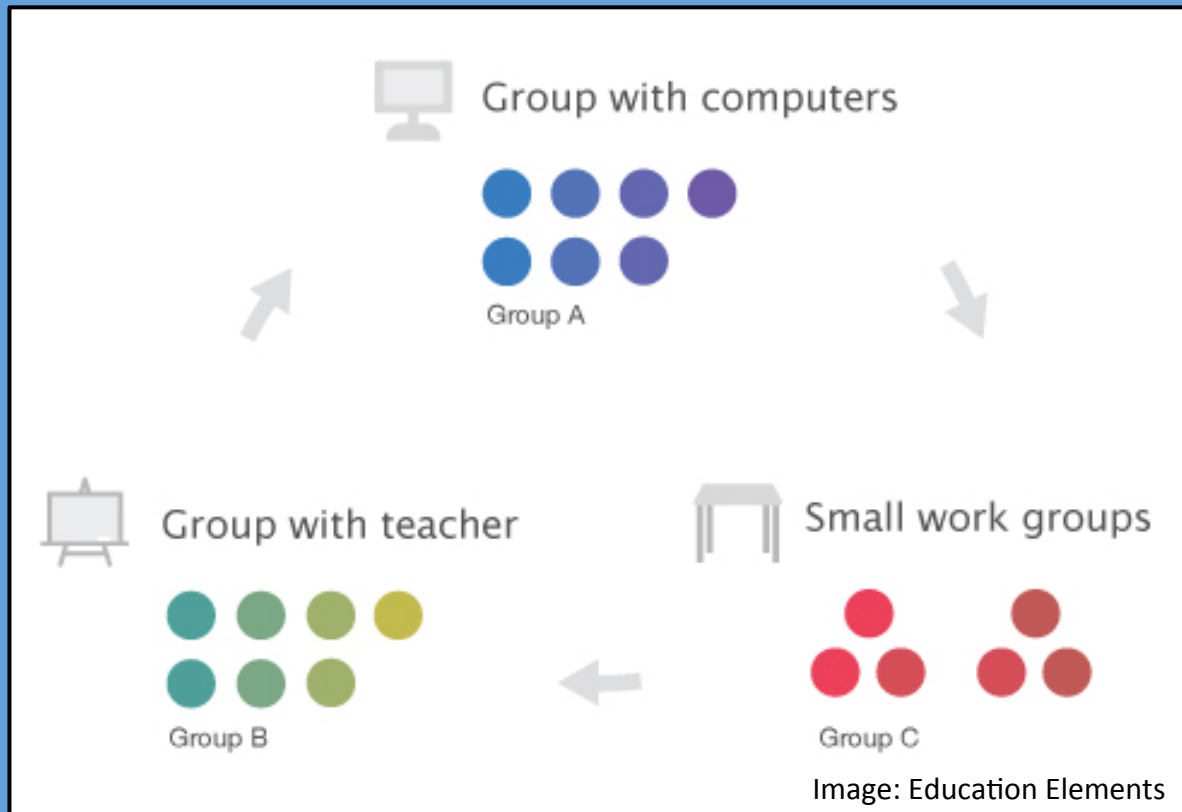
1) *The Rotation model*

The Rotation model has one simple requirement: students motion through learning activities that cover different modalities, but at least one of these activities must be administered online.



This simple requirement can be achieved via many different methods. In fact, the Rotation model actually has *four subsets*.

1a) The Rotation model - Station Rotation



The teacher facilitates a variety of learning stations/activities geared to offer multiple modalities and learning styles. It's a great model for schools with a limited number of digital devices.

1b) The Rotation model - Lab Rotation

The lab rotation model provides two distinctly different learning environments for students. They learn offline in a brick-and-mortar classroom and online in a computer/media lab.

This method is perfect for schools/districts with central, non-mobile computer or media labs.

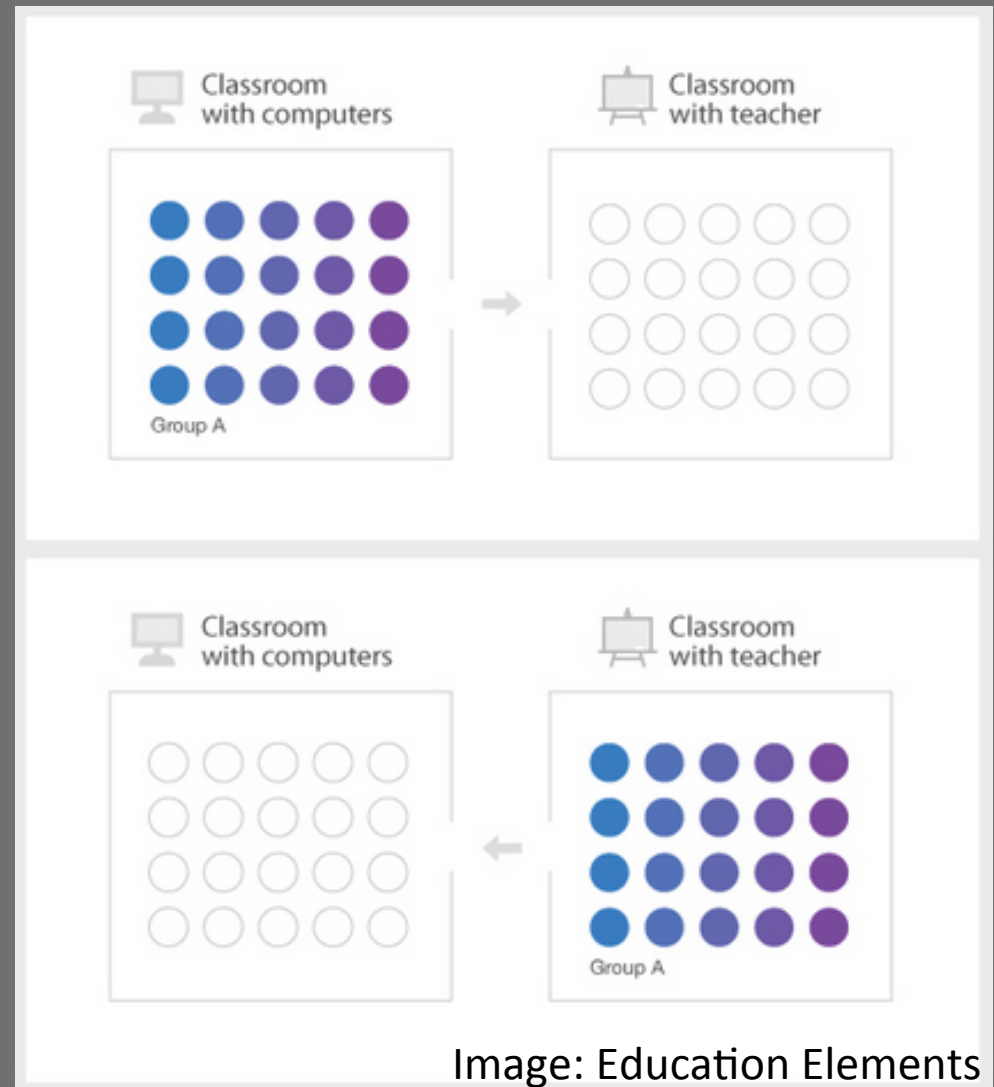


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1c) The Rotation model - The Flipped Classroom

Students learn face-to-face with an educator in a brick-and-mortar setting. They are then assigned online activities or homework to be completed in a “remote” setting, i.e. at home, at the library, coffee shop, etc. (or vice versa).

This is a very effective model for schools seeking to provide their students an individual, self-driven learning path.

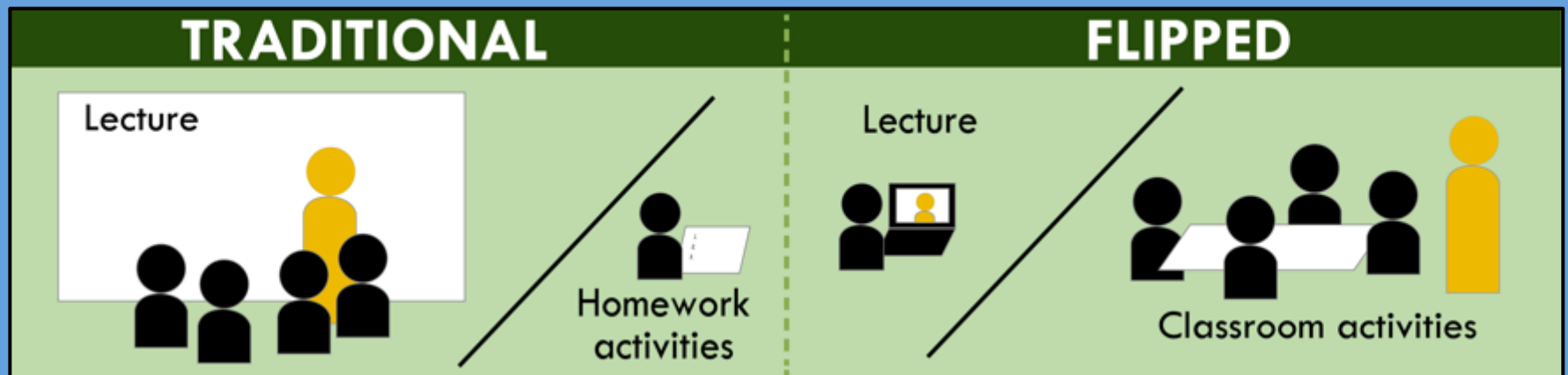


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1d) The Rotation model - Individual Rotation

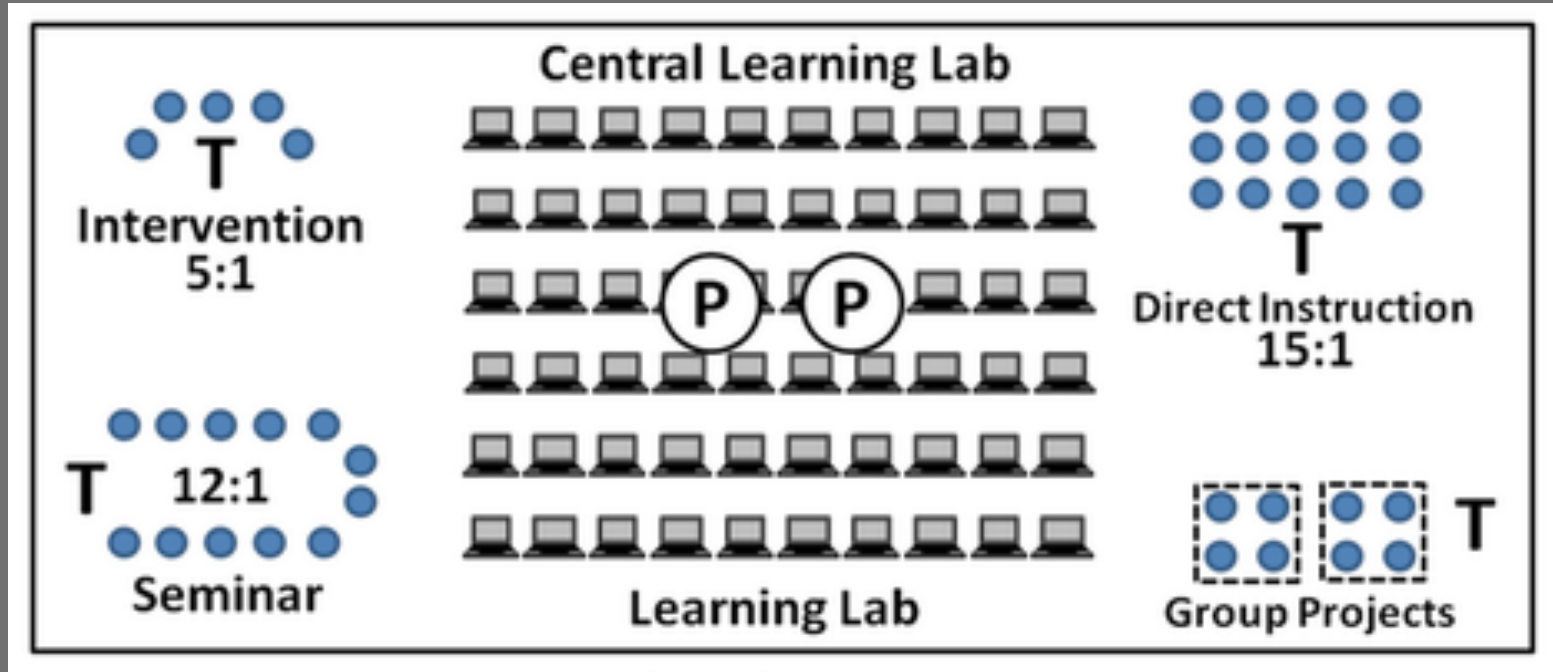


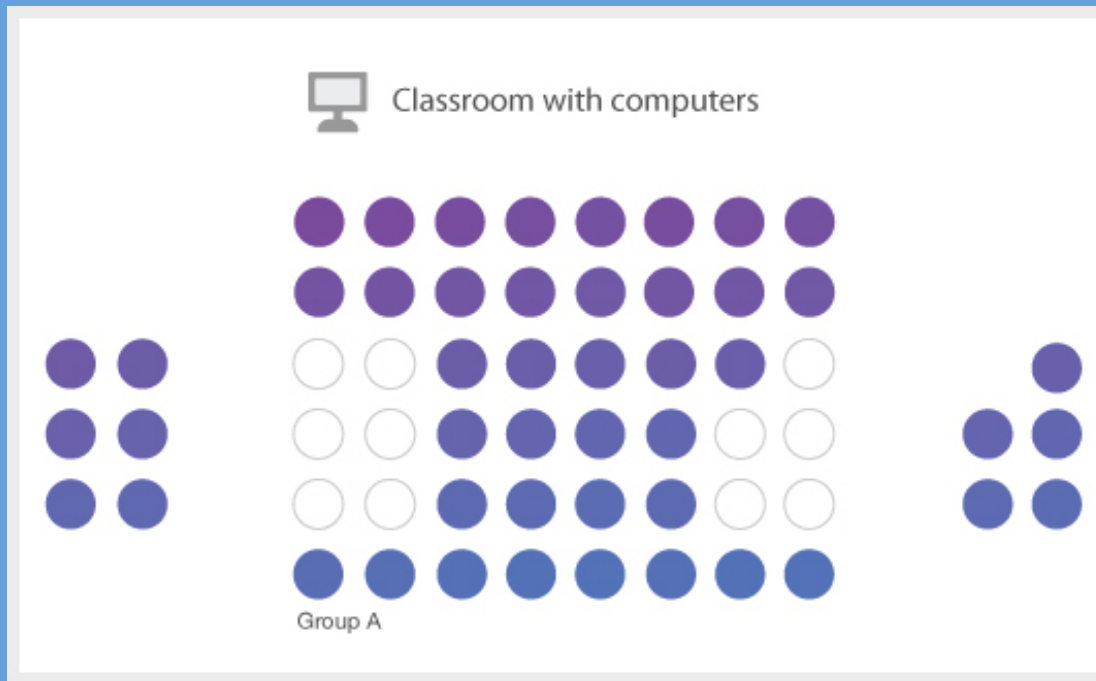
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The key is 'individual'. Students learn online from a central lab and then follow an individual path depending on their learning needs and progress.

The individual rotation model is a fantastic blended learning environment for schools instituting a 1:1 and/or "Bring Your Own Device"/BYOD program.

2) *The Flex model*

In the Flex model, online learning is the “backbone” of the student’s path. Instead of working from station-to-station or classroom-to-lab, the students primarily learn online, while being seated in a brick-and-mortar structure.



In theory, this model allows the educator to better address the learning needs of the individual student because more he or she spends less time setting up and building basic knowledge.

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3) *The A La Carte model*

No, that picture to the right isn't a classroom model (obviously). But, the A La Carte model serves the same function you might see in an a La carte line.

A mix of courses/subjects are offered to students, both online and offline. This strategy creates a variety of online-administered courses and in-person courses for students to choose from.



4) *The Enriched Virtual model*



Many online schools originally offered only online classes but soon realized face-to-face teacher facilitation was not just a requirement, but a necessity.

That's where the Enriched Virtual model hits its stride. The entire class learns together via the same online/offline curriculum and receives individual or group help and scaffolding from the teacher and administrators of the classroom.

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Okay, you have the heads-up on the different Blended Learning models you can execute in the classroom.

Now it's time to ensure the online and offline learning experiences are fun, valuable, and engaging. That's where we come in!



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