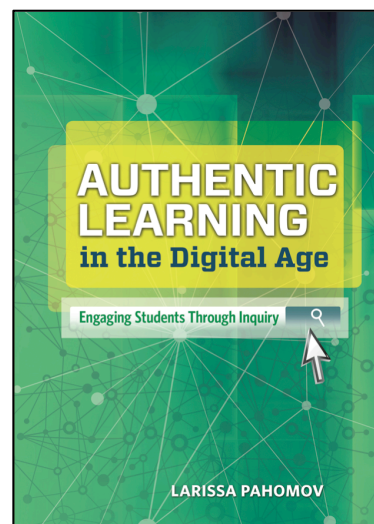


# Authentic Learning in the Digital Age: Engaging Students Through Inquiry

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## Summary

How can you create an authentic learning environment – one where students ask questions, do research and explore subjects that fascinate them – in today’s standards-driven atmosphere? Author Larissa Pahomov offers insightful answers based on her experience as a classroom teacher at the Science Leadership Academy, a public secondary school that offers a rigorous university-preparation curriculum and boasts a 99 per cent graduation rate. Pahomov outlines a framework for learning structured around five core values: inquiry, research, collaboration, presentation and reflection. For each value, she presents

- A detailed description of how the value can transform classroom practice and how a “digital connection” can enhance its application
- A step-by-step outline for how to implement the value, with examples from teachers in all subject areas.
- Solutions to possible challenges and roadblocks that teachers may experience.
- Suggestions for how to expand the value beyond the classroom to schoolwide practice.
- Anecdotes from students, offering their perspectives on how they experienced the value in the classroom and after graduation.

The framework is a guide, not a prescription, and middle years and secondary school teachers – individually or as a team – can use it to structure whatever content and skills their current school requires. The book also includes suggestions for how to integrate technology into inquiry-based education, but the principles and approaches it describes can be applied successfully even in places without abundant technology. Both practical and inspiring, *Authentic Learning in the Digital Age* is an indispensable handbook for reinvigorating teaching and learning for a new era.

## Supporting Resources

- *Who Owns the Learning? Preparing Students for Success in the Digital Age* (SOT4099)
- *Why Social Media Matters: School Communication in the Digital Age* (SOT3061)
- *Improving Achievement With Digital Age Best Practices* (CO2434)
- *Professional learning in the Digital Age: The Educator’s Guide to User-Generated Learning* (EYE3016)