

CONTENT INTEGRATION

WHAT IS CONTENT INTEGRATION?

Integration is an approach to teaching in which learning experiences are intentionally designed for students to construct and demonstrate understanding in more than one discipline, which honors the nature of the contents and builds upon the natural connections.



WHO ENGAGES IN CONTENT INTEGRATION AND IN WHAT WAYS?

Educator Role:

Educators intentionally plan grade-level, high quality, integrated instruction utilizing multiple standards in more than one discipline to provide deep learning experiences.

Educators expand their own content knowledge in multiple disciplines in order to plan well-rounded educational experiences for students.

Learner Role:

Learners are actively engaged in relevant learning experiences through the natural connections of integration.

Learners demonstrate mastery of multiple grade level standards through an integrated learning experience.

WHY INTEGRATE?

Integration allows teachers to support students in achieving the competencies espoused in Utah's Portrait of a Graduate. Specifically,

Academic Mastery: Demonstrate a depth of knowledge in multiple subject areas to make informed decisions.

Communication: Communicate effectively through reading, writing, speaking and listening to understand information in a variety of contexts, media and languages.

Critical Thinking and Problem Solving: Access, evaluate and analyze information to make informed decisions, recognize bias and find solutions.

Creativity and Innovation: Imagine, visualize and demonstrate creative practices, innovative solutions and artistic expression.

Lifelong Learning and Personal Growth: Continue to seek knowledge and develop skills in all settings.

Additionally, effective integration promotes:

- Real world, relevant experiences
- Student engagement
- Deeper learning of the Utah Core Standards

HOW ARE STANDARDS CONNECTED?

Utah core standards integrate in natural ways in each grade level. Educators can access crosswalks that identify these natural connections here: [Content Integration Crosswalks](#).

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Please visit the Utah State Board of Education [Content Integration page](#) for additional resources and contact information.