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Play Picture:



See It In Action



PD Pivot Rules

Premise: You are professional development designers creating learning experiences for educators. But in education, things change quickly! Your mission is to develop a solution and adapt your design over three rounds as new challenges emerge.

Basic Rules: Shuffle the deck and deal 12 cards between all players as design cards. Reveal three cards as scenario cards, then add one to begin the second and third rounds. Each round, create/revise a solution on a sheet of scratchpaper that works for all active scenarios. Your final solution must address every scenario card in play. Score based on design cards used.

1-6 players | 30-45 minutes | Scratchpaper Needed

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Design Cards: Design cards show education theories & design principles. Play them by explaining how you'll use their approach in your solution. You can play as many or few as you like. Remove design cards when no longer applicable. Score the final round.



Scoring: Master Designer: 30+ points; Skilled Designer: 15-29 points; Developing Designer: Under 15 points *Solutions must be viable to count points

Team Mode: Split into 2-4 teams. Use same scenarios but different solutions & design cards. Compare points at end.

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Scenarios Cards: Each card tells a story when played as a scenario. Problem cards present problems that need solutions. Context cards describe the client & school setting. Requirement cards show constraints your solution must follow.

Uncertainty: When a new scenario contradicts an old one, the new card replaces it entirely. If you haven't drawn a Challenge card yet, you may choose any professional development focus until one appears.

[Scenario]



Tech Barriers

Teachers report significant barriers to effectively using classroom technology.

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Problem

Data Use

Student assessment data is collected but not being used to inform instruction.

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Problem

Teacher Retention

The district is struggling to retain new teachers beyond their first two years.



Problem

PLC Structure

Professional Learning
Communities lack clear
structures and protocols.

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Curriculum Gaps

Major gaps exist in curriculum alignment between grade levels.

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Problem

Safety Protocols

Staff members are inconsistently following emergency response protocols.

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Problem

SPED Consistency

Special education accommodations vary significantly from classroom to classroom.



Content, Process, Product, Learning Environment

> Differentiated Instruction Model

Problem

Advanced Learning

Advanced learners show minimal growth across multiple subjects.

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ELL Progress

English language learners are making limited progress in academic language development.

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Problem

Discipline Equity

Data reveals concerning patterns in disciplinary practices across student groups.

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Problem

Grade Collaboration

Teachers report minimal effective collaboration between grade levels.



Problem

Student Engagement

Classroom observations show predominantly passive student engagement.

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Grading Practices

Teachers are implementing standards-based grading in conflicting ways.

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Problem

Digital Literacy

Students lack essential digital literacy skills across all grade levels.

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Problem

Mentor Program

The current teacher mentoring program isn't meeting new staff needs.



Problem

PBL Assessment

Project-based learning lacks meaningful assessment strategies.

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Safety Standards

School safety procedures need to be standardized across the building.

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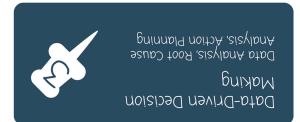
Problem

Teacher-Centered

Classroom observations indicate heavily teachercentered instruction.

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Problem

MTSS Cohesion

The multi-tiered support system lacks cohesion and consistency.



Measurement Analysis, Outcome Kirkpatrick Model, ROI

FRAMEWORK Impact Evaluation

Problem

Parent Outreach

Current parent communication methods aren't effectively reaching families.

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Context

Urban Title I

This is at an urban Title I elementary school with high student mobility and families facing economic challenges.

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Context

STEM Academy

This is at a suburban STEM academy with state-of-theart technology infrastructure and innovation focus.

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Context

Rural School

This is at a rural district school where teachers work with multiple grade levels and limited local resources.

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Assessment Evidence Enduring Understandings, Essential Questions,

> Planning Backward Design

Context

College Prep

This is at a private college preparatory school with high-achieving students and demanding parent expectations.

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Context

Special Center

This is at a specialized center serving students with significant learning and behavioral support needs.

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Context

Online Academy

This is at an online academy serving K-12 students with a remote teaching staff and diverse population.

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Context

Early Childhood

This is at an early childhood center emphasizing development and play-based approaches.

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Perspective Transformation Mezirow's Critical Reflection,

> reakujud I peok Transformative

Context

Alternative HS

This is at an alternative high school using masterybased progression instead of traditional grade levels.

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Context

Turnaround School

This is at a turnaround school entering its first year under new leadership and increased district oversight.

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Context

International

This is at an international school balancing multiple curricula, languages, and cultural perspectives.

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Requirement

Time Constraint

All training must be delivered in 45-minute segments during existing planning periods.



Requirement

Release Days

Professional development can only occur during six scheduled early-release days.

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Semester Timeline

Implementation timeline must not exceed one semester.

Feedback Development, Continuous Sprints, Iterative Agile Learning Design

Requirement

Quick Launch

Solution must be ready to launch within 30 days.

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Requirement

Budget Limits

Implementation must stay within existing departmental budget.



Requirement

Tech Platforms

Program can only utilize currently available technology platforms.

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Internal Expertise

Training must be delivered using internal staff expertise.

Collaborative Inquiry
Process
Question Formulation,
Investigation, Shared
Learning

Requirement

Existing Resources

Materials must be developed using existing curriculum resources.

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Requirement

Hybrid Format

All sessions must be available in both in-person and virtual formats.



Requirement

Peer Observation

Training must incorporate structured peer observation cycles.

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Async Components

Program must include asynchronous learning components.

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Coaching Cognitive Coaching, Content Knight's Impact Cycle, Model Instructional Coaching

Requirement

Coaching Sessions

Implementation requires weekly small-group coaching sessions.

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Requirement

Monthly Evidence

Teachers must submit evidence of implementation monthly.



Requirement

Eval Framework

Program must align with teacher evaluation framework.

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Data Collection

Regular data collection required to show measurable impact.

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Requirement

State Compliance

Solutions must meet state compliance documentation requirements.

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Requirement

Multi-Site

Implementation must work across multiple school sites simultaneously.



Requirement

Staff Turnover

Program must accommodate ongoing staff turnover.

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Union Contract

Design must align with union contract provisions.



Requirement

PLC Integration

Solution must integrate with existing professional learning communities.

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