

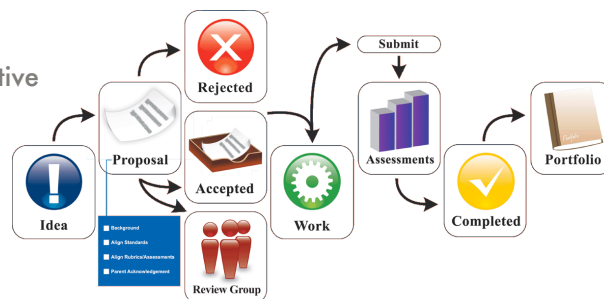


# Project Foundry™

Project-based Learning Made Easy

## The Learning is in the Doing!

Project Foundry is an intuitive, web-based management tool for innovative learning environments that use both student-led and teacher-driven projects to expedite learning. The tool has evolved significantly since its inception and is currently being used by secondary schools in ten states nationwide.



Schools using Project Foundry have the following benefits:

### 1. Engage Students

Students become highly engaged as their work gains relevance and expectations become more articulate. Project Foundry captures the process, proof, performance and outcomes of a project to ensure these insightful experiences promote student growth and adhere to educational benchmarks.

### 2. Streamline the Paperwork

Documentation of learning is a large piece of the project process. Every piece of information intuitively gathered in Project Foundry is presented in an easy to search, easy to print format that becomes incredibly useful for parent conferences and student portfolio evaluations.

### 3. Stay Organized

Teachers have plenty to do within the day. With Project Foundry, life is made simpler by electronically organizing project requests, student journals and reflective assessments. The project workflow is easier to manage in Project Foundry, which allows teachers more time to concentrate on advising students than simply reiterating the steps of the learning process.

### 4. Demonstrate Success

Student success is measured and demonstrated in many ways both anecdotally and quantitatively within Project Foundry. The combination of organically collected information along side the evaluation of state learning standards, provides a comprehensive tool that provides a more accurate story of students' success.

Students	Teachers	Mentors/Parents	School-wide
<p><b>Keep Things Simple</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Propose Projects</li> <li>Journal and Log Time</li> <li>Take Self-Assessments</li> <li>Build a Portfolio</li> </ul>	<p><b>Provide Clear Expectations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Initiate Student Projects</li> <li>Reply to Journals</li> <li>Evaluate State Standards</li> <li>Establish Student Goals</li> </ul>	<p><b>Involve Key Participants</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>View Student Progress</li> <li>Participate in the Process</li> <li>Comment on Proposals</li> <li>Assess the End Results</li> </ul>	<p><b>Demonstrate Outcomes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Leverage Standard-Based Reports</li> <li>Configure the Tool to Ensure a Consistent Model</li> </ul>

# Student Launch Pad

Students log into Project Foundry greeted with an organized dashboard specific to their work.

The screenshot shows the Project Foundry student dashboard. At the top, there's a navigation bar with 'Home', 'Journals', 'Projects', 'Performance', and 'Portfolio'. A 'Log Out benie' button is in the top right. Below the navigation is a 'Messages' section with a 'search messages' button. The messages list includes: 'Accepted: "Homesteading Mars" 11/06/06 by Ron Green (Advisor)', 'Alert: Logged Hours for 3/20/05 Changed 11/01/06 by Ron Green (Advisor)', 'Assigned: Inquiry Rubric About Ben Sands 10/26/06 by Ron Green (Advisor)', and 'Rejected: "Songs About the 70's" 10/25/06 by Ron Green (Advisor)'. A yellow star '1' points to the messages section. Below this is a 'Related Actions' section with 'Write a Journal and Log Time' and 'Write a Project Request' buttons. A yellow star '2' points to this section. To the right is a 'Time Log' table with columns for 'Date Range', 'Project', and 'Time Logged'. The table lists: 'Today: Why are movie genres cyclical? (1h 30m)', 'Yesterday: Algebra Concepts Seminar (1h 0m)', 'This Week: Huckleberry Finn, the book (1h 0m)', and 'This Month: Homesteading Mars (2h 0m)'. A yellow star '4' points to the 'Project Status' section below. The 'Project Status' section lists: 'Why are movie genres cyclical? (End: 11/03/06)', 'Algebra Concepts Seminar (End: 12/21/06)', 'Huckleberry Finn, the book (End: 1/06/07)', 'Homesteading Mars (End: 1/12/07)', 'Mapping the Pond (Requested: 11/04/06)', and 'Songs About the 70's (Returned: 10/25/06)'. A yellow star '3' points to the 'My Tasks' section on the left. The 'My Tasks' section includes: 'Incomplete Tasks (1): Incomplete project request "African Mask" dated Oct. 23 (Delete)', 'Journals (1): You have not completed a journal since 10/28/06', and 'Assigned Assessments (1): Inquiry Rubric about Ben Sands, due 11/18/06'. On the right side of the dashboard, there's a 'Related Actions' dropdown menu, a 'Project Beyond Planned End Date' warning, and a calendar for October 2006 showing the 25th as the current date.

**1** **Student Message Center**  
Students can quickly get up to speed on recent responses from a teacher or updates regarding a project.

**2** **Time Log**  
Students can quickly and easily log time to projects as well as review recent time entries.

**3** **'My Tasks' List**  
Project Foundry provides students a simple always-up-to-date list of current tasks that relate to assignments and projects.

**4** **Project Queue**  
Students stay informed on project timelines and associated tasks through an intuitive listing of student and teacher projects.

# Teacher Launch Pad

Teachers log into Project Foundry to quickly learn of student progress and easily manage related projects.

The screenshot shows the Project Foundry teacher interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with links for Home, Journals, Students, Projects, Performance, and Portfolio. A 'Log Out ronie' button is in the top right. The main content area is divided into several sections:

- Student Summary (1):** Features the Project Foundry logo, a dropdown menu for 'All My Students', and statistics for '12 student(s) logged on'. It also shows 'Logged Hours: 2 hrs 0 mins', 'Last Journal: 9/15/05', and 'Steps: Requested (9) | Active (35) | Submitted (20)'. Other stats include 'Assessments: 2 remaining' and 'Portfolio Last Updated: No one has started yet'.
- Messages (2):** A list of recent messages with status indicators: 'Requested' (Winter Program at the Nursing Home), 'Notice' (Comment posted for Building an Engine), 'Submitted' (Science in the Kitchen Presentation), 'Withdrawn' (Story of the Internet), and 'Assigned' (Communication Rubric About Ben Sands).
- My Tasks (3):** A section titled 'Overdue Journals (6)' listing tasks for students like Sally Abrahms, Fred Chambers, Gigi Fredrickson, Heather Kubacki, Deb Rice, and Bill Ring. Below it, 'Assigned Assessments (2)' lists 'Communication Rubric' and 'Writing Rubric' with due dates.
- Projects (4):** A table of projects with checkboxes, dates, and student names. The table includes projects like 'Horses in History', 'Bronzing a Flower', 'Mapping the Pond', 'The History of the Atomic Bomb', 'Everyday Algebra', 'Making a Transistor', 'Writing My Resume', '1984 by George Orwell', and 'Winter Program at the Nursing Home'.



## Student Summary

With just one click a teacher can have a bird's eye view of what a student is working on and respond accordingly.



## 'My Tasks' List

Project Foundry provides teachers a built in radar that includes a list of current tasks that relate to assignments and projects for not only students, but the teacher themselves.



## Message Center

Teachers can quickly get up to speed on recent responses or actions taken by students.



## Project Queue

Teachers can easily sift through and manage both student and teacher driven projects right off their home page.

## Frequently Asked Questions

### How flexible is Project Foundry to my school's model?

Every project-based environment is unique. That's exactly why Project Foundry can be configured to your needs. Your school can create any and all journal forms, proposal forms, result forms and project assessments in the system.

### What are the requirements to use Project Foundry?

Since Project Foundry is web-based, no installation is necessary. All your school needs is computers capable of running one of the following web browsers: Internet Explorer 6.x, Firefox 1.4+, Netscape 8.x+ or Safari 2.x+.

### Will Project Foundry include my state's standards?

Yes. Most schools choose to distill the state standards to ensure students and parents understand them as well as add school specific standards. Either way, we will work with your school to incorporate the set of learning standards you need.

### Why is Project Foundry better than comparable tools?

Project Foundry is built by practitioners for practitioners. Inherently, our team recognizes the key to education is student engagement and realizes teachers don't need more to do in their day. Other tools tend to focus on course-based assignments and broader student management concerns.

### What training is available for Project Foundry?

In addition to providing complimentary web-based tutorials, Project-Based Learning Systems provides onsite training at a rate of \$950/day plus travel. Remote webinar training is available for three hour sessions at \$250/session. The most effective method has been a one day onsite training later followed by a webinar that answers any questions. We make every attempt to minimize travel expenses for the school by chaining sessions together in one region.

## Pricing

Project-Based Learning Systems hosts Project Foundry for schools to provide instant, secure and backed up access to the system. As part of this, a school receives all software updates at no additional charge and is guaranteed 99% uptime reliability. The first year includes a startup fee plus the hosting cost per user. Every year after, only the hosting costs apply.

Users	Startup Fees	Annual Hosting*
< 50	\$1,500	\$20
50 - 200	\$2,500	\$17
201 - 400	\$3,000	\$16
401 - 600	\$3,500	\$15
600 - 1200	\$4,000	\$13

\* per student and teacher user

**Pricing Example:** A school with 150 users would cost \$5,050 for the first year and \$2,550 each year renewed. A school is allowed an unlimited number of parents and mentors users.

**Year One: \$2,500 + (\$17 \* 150) = \$ 5,050**

**Annual Renewal: \$0 + (\$17 \* 150) = \$ 2,550**



## Next Steps

### 1. Take a Tour



Request a login to a sample site by visiting:  
[www.projectfoundry.org](http://www.projectfoundry.org)

### 2. Ask Questions



Answer your questions:  
(877) 836-9960  
[info@pblhq.com](mailto:info@pblhq.com)

### 3. Make a Decision



Sign the Project Foundry licensing agreement and procure the invoice.

### 4. Get Started



Schedule a training and talk with a representative to configure Project Foundry.