

Essential Elements of Investigative Learning

All Investigative Learning experiences share the following characteristics:

- Student activity is designed to work toward answering a clear, framing question that students understand and are invested in.
- Learning is an active process in which students investigate ideas to construct meaning.
- Students and teachers make decisions together to create the process used to find the answers.
- Students understand the measures of success and can reflect on their own learning.
- Experiences are constructed to meet the California State Content Standards as well as Ormondale's 21st Century Learning Standards.

These five essential elements guide the development of Investigative Learning experiences and assist teachers as they work to integrate the characteristics that are central to IL.

