

Empower K-12 students through real-world, interest-driven projects — student-driven or teacher-assigned, individual or group — with a complete workflow: Find, Assign, Monitor, Showcase. Powered by Renzulli Learning.

What Is Renzulli Learning’s PBL Module?

A complete project workflow that supports both **student-driven and teacher-assigned projects** for **individuals or groups**. Students self-select investigations based on their Profiler interests, or teachers find project resources from 40,000+ curated options (or create their own), assign projects, monitor progress through milestones and checkpoints, and showcase finished work in the **Project Showcase**. Grounded in Dr. Joseph Renzulli’s Enrichment Triad **Type III** research at the University of Connecticut.

The Teacher & Student Workflow

Step	What Happens	Who Drives It
1. Find	Browse 40,000+ curated resources matched to Profiler interests, or upload your own templates and rubrics. Students can also propose their own project ideas.	Teacher, student, or both
2. Assign	Assign projects to individual students or flexible groups. Set milestones, deadlines, and checkpoints tailored to each project.	Teacher assigns — or student self-selects
3. Monitor	Track progress for individuals and groups through milestone tracking, checkpoint reviews, and feedback tools.	Teacher monitors; student self-manages
4. Showcase	Students publish finished work in the Project Showcase — visible to peers, teachers, families, and the community.	Student presents to real audience

What Students Gain from PBL

Skill	How PBL Builds It
Critical Thinking	Open-ended, real-world problems require analysis, evaluation, and evidence-based conclusions.
Creativity	Expression style matching and product menus give students freedom to create original work.
Executive Function	Every project requires planning, organization, time management, persistence, and self-regulation.
Collaboration	Group projects build teamwork, peer feedback, and shared problem-solving as practiced skills.
Communication	The Project Showcase requires authentic presentation to a real audience.
Career Readiness	Interest-driven projects connect to real-world pathways, CTE fields, and college portfolios.

Key Research Stats: Why PBL Works

+8–10 pts

AP exam scores
(USC, RCT)

+8 pts

3rd grade science
(Michigan State)

+5–6 mo

Social studies learning
(U-M / MSU)

+28 pts

ELL language proficiency
(Stanford)

82%

Underachievers reversed
(Renzulli, Type III)

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Sources: Lucas Education Research (George Lucas Educational Foundation), 2021; Baum, Renzulli & Hébert, *Gifted Child Quarterly*, 1995; Reis, *University of Connecticut*, 1981.

What's Inside the PBL Module

Seven project pathways and four project templates give teachers and students everything they need:

Feature	Description
My Projects	Student's personal workspace — all active and completed projects, student-driven or teacher-assigned, individual or group.
Wizard Project Maker	Guided step-by-step builder for custom projects from scratch — goals, milestones, resources, and product options.
Super Starter Projects	Thousands of preloaded, customizable projects — student-selected or teacher-assigned. Searchable by interest, grade, language.
Global Mini Projects	Shorter, internationally-focused projects that build intercultural communication, empathy, and global awareness (1–2 weeks).
Future Problem Solvers	Challenge-based projects where students tackle real-world problems of the future — critical thinking and solution design.
Pathways to Invention	Video-driven stories of real inventors and innovators. Students explore the creative process, then create their own inventions.
Project Showcase	Publishing platform: students upload videos, images, and documents to share finished work. Used for virtual fairs, TPSP, GT showcases, capstones.

Portrait of a Graduate: How PBL Builds Durable Skills

PBL is one of the most direct ways to operationalize a Portrait of a Graduate framework:

Durable Skill	How PBL Builds It
Critical Thinking	Open-ended problems require analysis, evaluation, and evidence-based reasoning in every project.
Communication	The Project Showcase requires authentic presentation to a real audience — peers, families, community.
Collaboration	Group projects build teamwork, peer feedback, and shared problem-solving as practiced skills.
Creativity	Expression style matching and product menus give students freedom to create original work.
Self-Direction	Students choose projects, set milestones, manage progress, and reflect on outcomes.
Adaptability	Project milestones teach students to revise strategies when plans don't work — task commitment in action.

The Enrichment Triad: Exploration → Skills → Creative Productivity

Type I (explore via 40,000+ activities + Profiler) → **Type II** (develop research skills) → **Type III** (create original products via PBL + Showcase). Students can turn any enrichment activity into a full project. No other platform connects all three.

Getting Started

1. Activate Profiler + PBL for your class → 2. Pick a project from a template or create one with the Project Wizard → 3. Set milestones and checkpoints → 4. Monitor progress + give feedback → 5. Showcase: students present to a real audience

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