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Panel Discussion

What Can Newer BCSEER Individual Investigator Development PIs Learn From More Experienced Ones?

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Tuesday, 3:15 – 4:30 pm

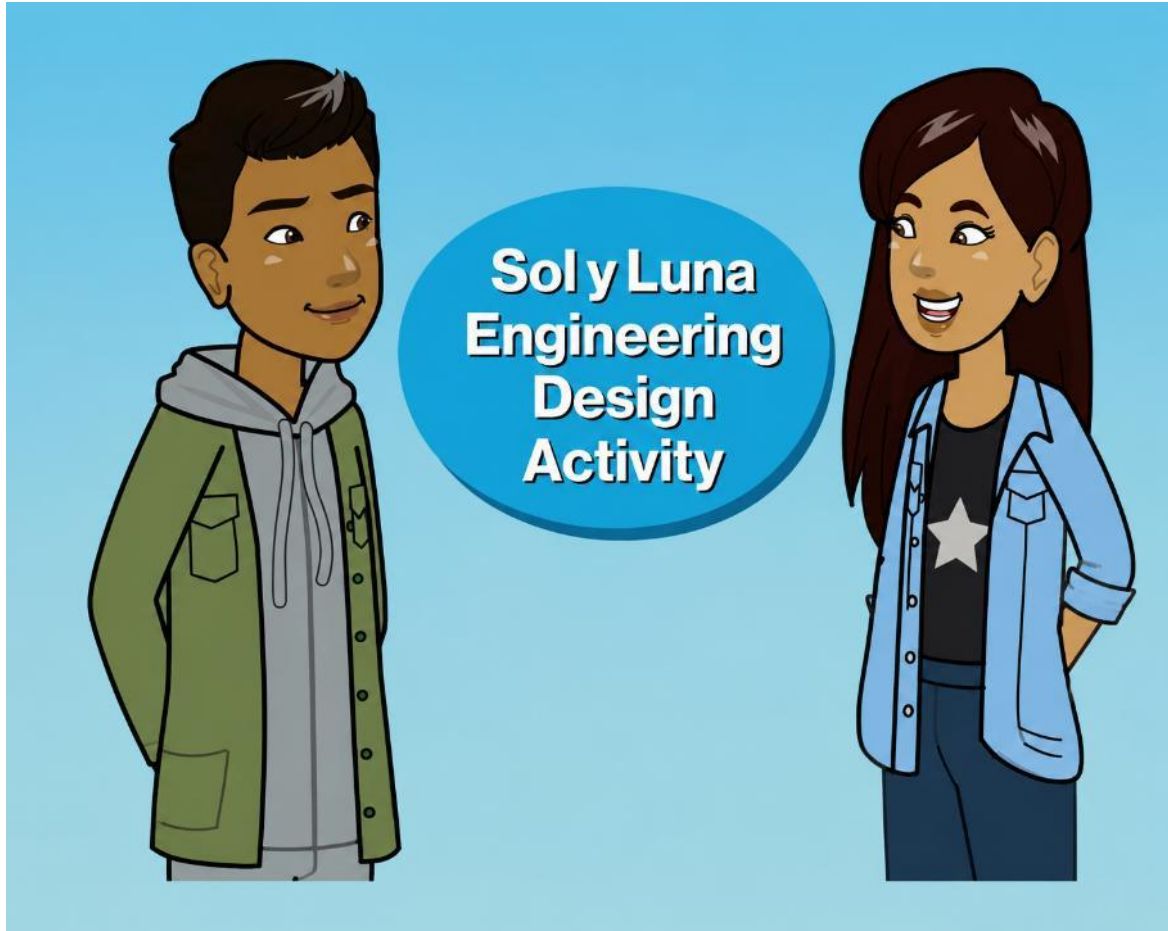
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Panelists

- Dina Verdín, Arizona State University
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- Ryan Stowe, University of Wisconsin at Madison

Moderator

- Terri Pigott, Georgia State University



BCSER: Empowering Children of Migratory/Seasonal Farmworkers with Gamification and Culturally-Responsive Engineering Design Instruction

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BCSER #2225306

Background on my BCSEER

Purpose: Build foundational knowledge on how a culturally responsive gamified activities support migratory students' exposure to engineering, foster engineering identity development, cultivate a critical agentic perspective, and promote engineering career pathways.

Project started
2022

Issued 1 year no
cost extension

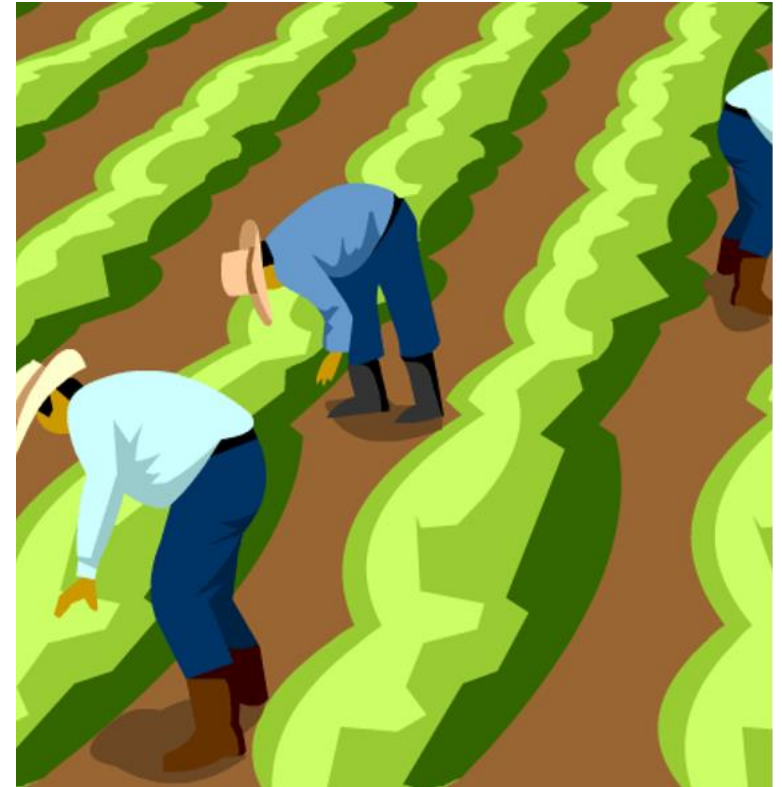
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America's Invisible High School Youth

Children whose parent(s) are migratory agricultural workers and live a mobile lifestyle.

Due to the mobile lifestyle of agrarian work

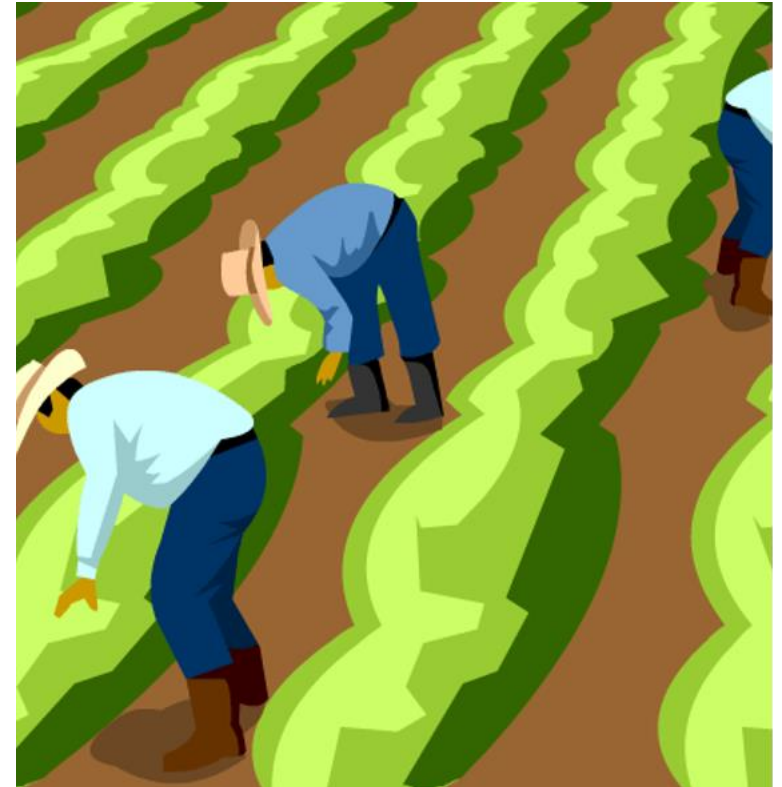
- high levels of interrupted schooling,
- falling behind in their school's curriculum,
- their family's income is below the federal poverty level,
- Many are English Learners, etc.



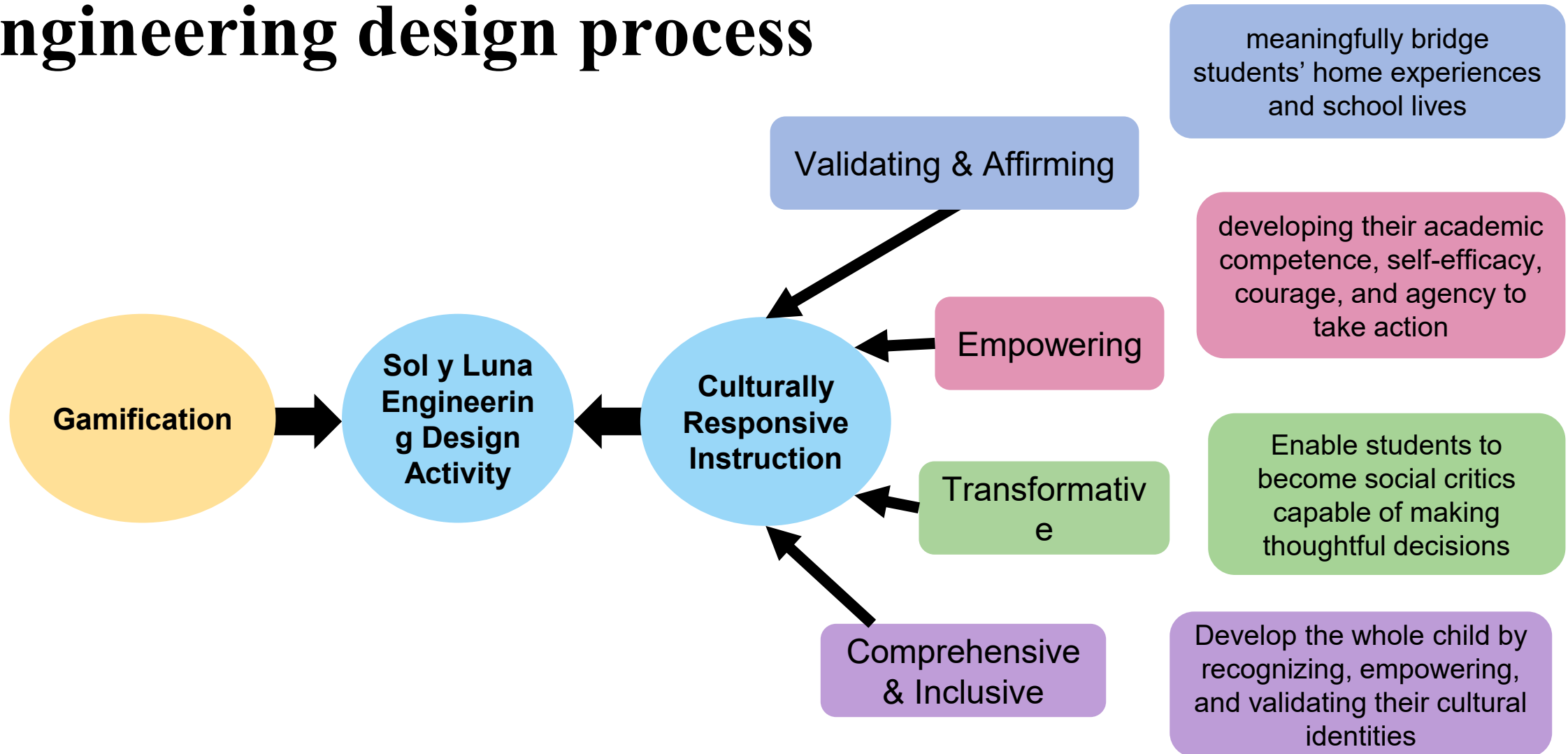
STEM opportunities should not be denied to these students

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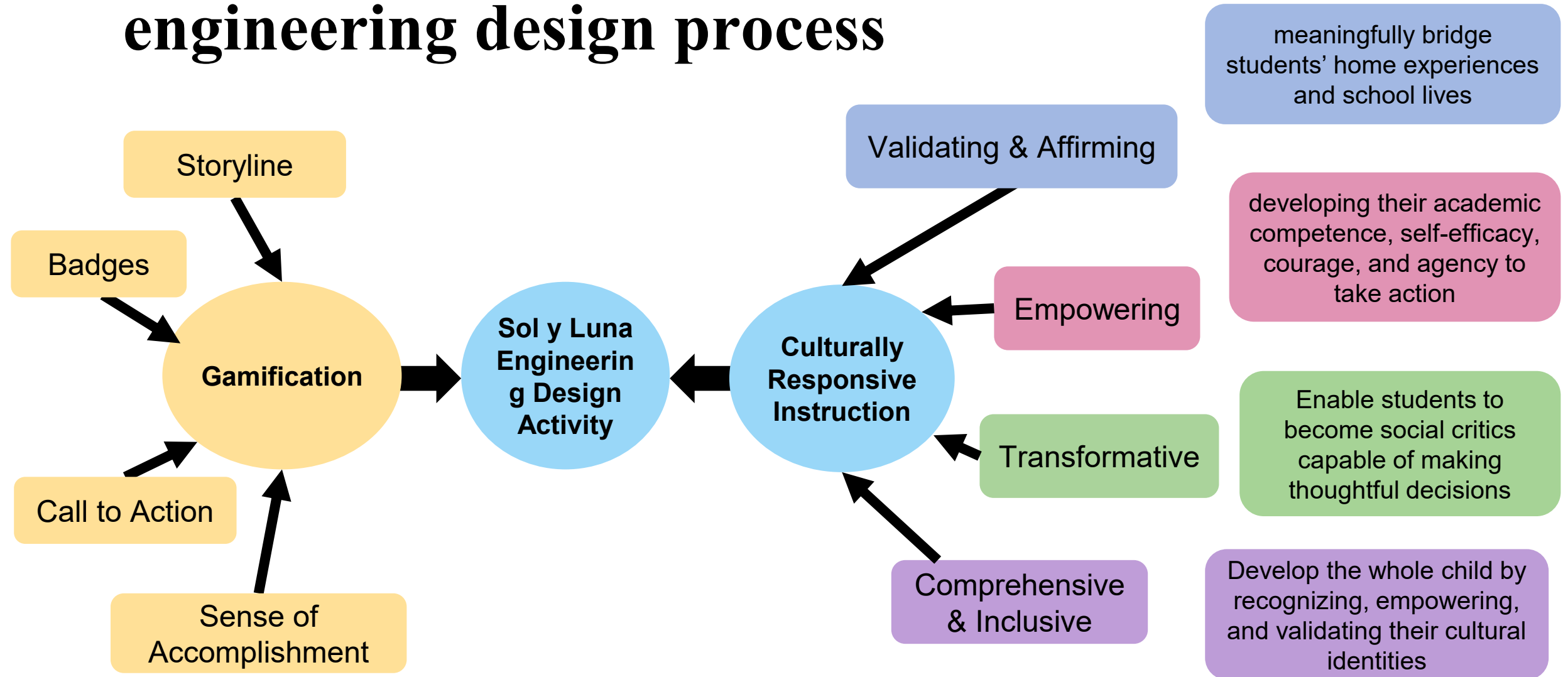
- ~10,000 migratory students in Arizona
- Only 7% of Arizona migratory students receive support and enrichment services during the summer months
- **Project created due to lack of culturally responsive, engineering-focused activities centered on the unique lived experiences of migratory students.**



Infusing Gamification & Culturally Responsive instruction to teach students about the engineering design process

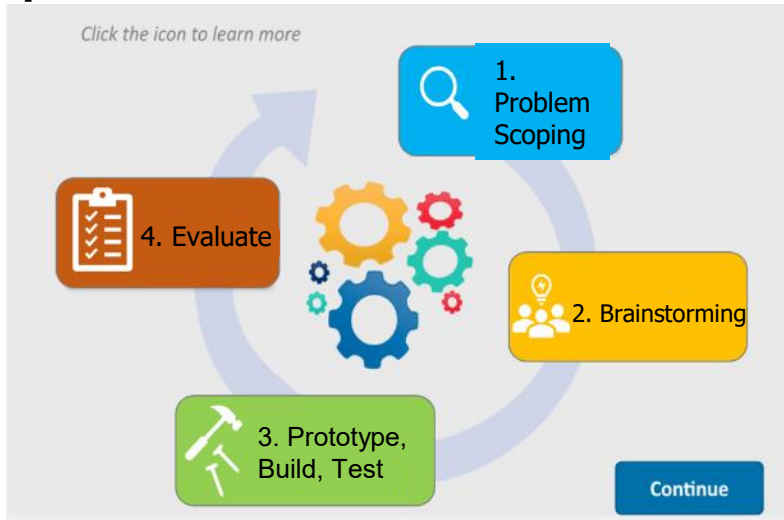


Infusing Gamification & Culturally Responsive instruction to teach students about the engineering design process



90-minute online activity learning how to use the engineering design process

Engineering design process



Comic book maker:

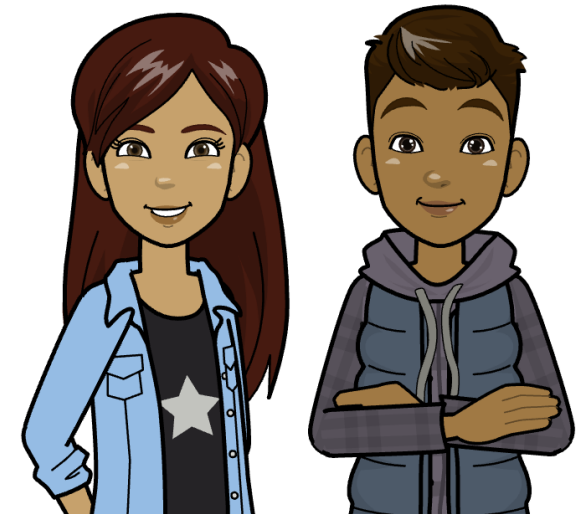
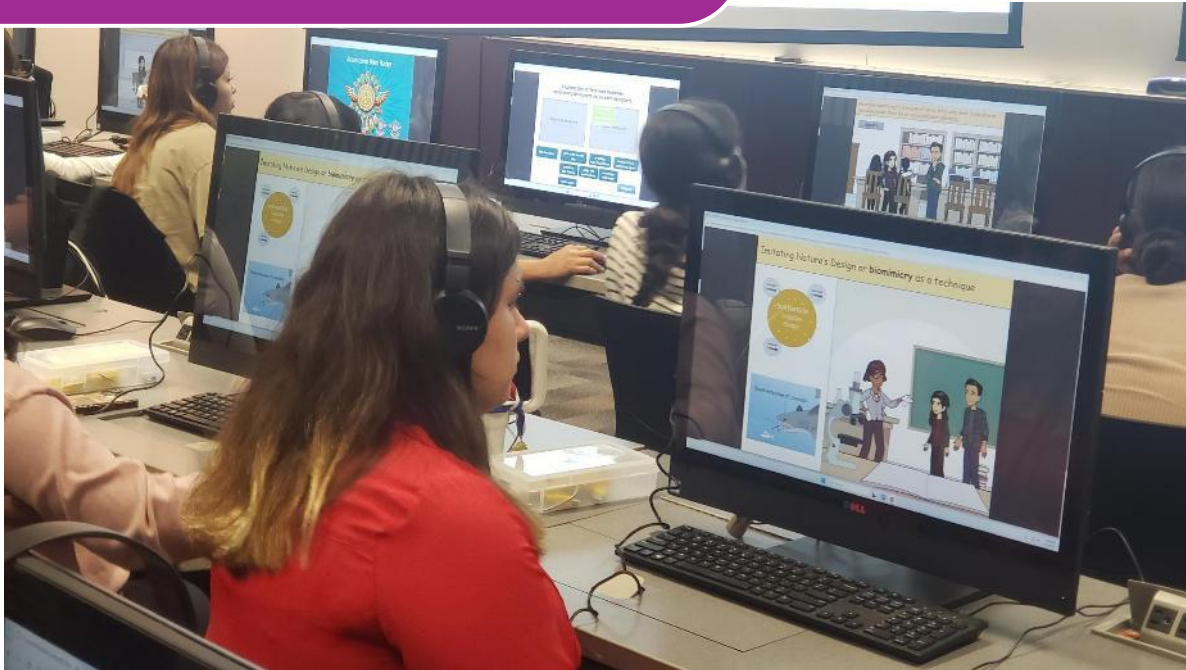


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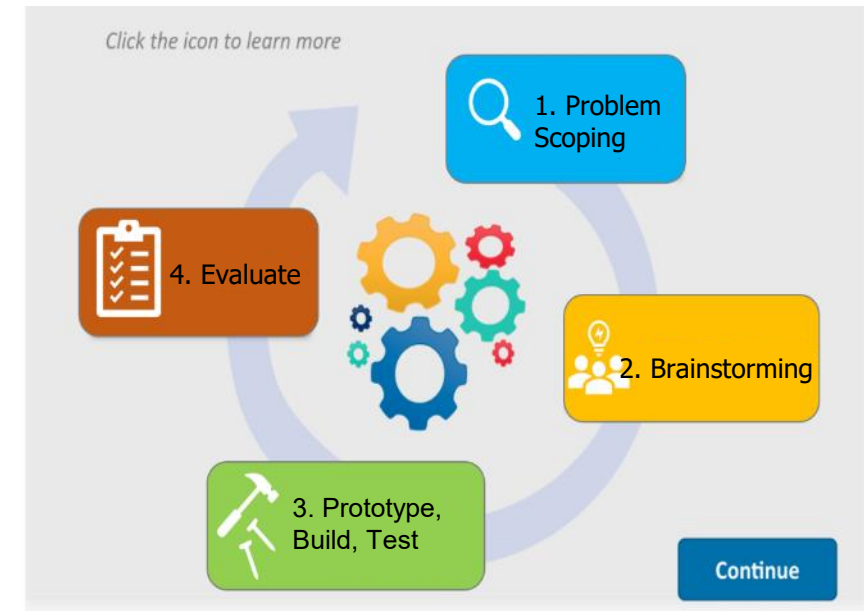


Two-Part Activity

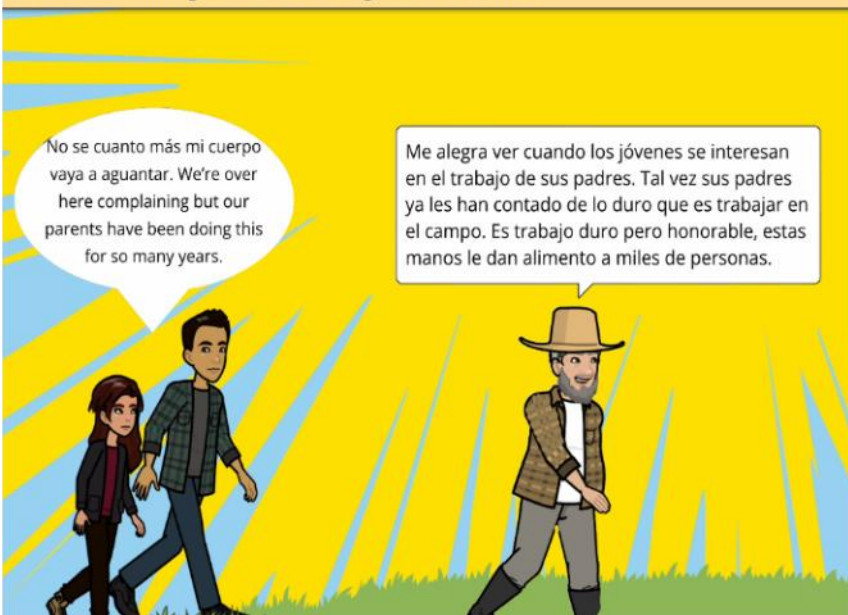
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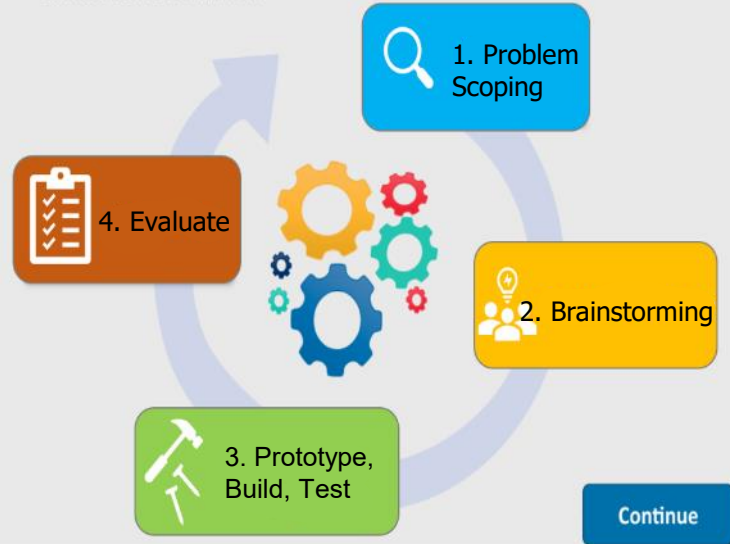
1. Culturally Responsive Gamified Storyline



Several hours have passed, the temperature is now over 100 degrees. Sol y Luna are walking to their car to grab their lunch.



Click the icon to learn more



Some of the agricultural workers spend a few minutes answering Sol y Luna's questions. Additionally, Sol y Luna are going to observe farmworkers perform their job and take notes on their observations.



Select the **4 best questions** Sol y Luna should ask agricultural workers

Have you ever felt any discomfort when working in the fields?

Have you experienced skin irritability when working in the fields?

How long have you been working in the fields?

What does a typical work day in the fields look like for you?

How many hours do you work per week?

Have you ever experienced headaches when working in the fields?

While working in the fields, have you experienced fatigue?

Do you think it would be better to change jobs?

Submit

Learn more about how these strategies may or may not help with **Problem Scoping**

Talk directly with farmworkers

Write down possible ideas

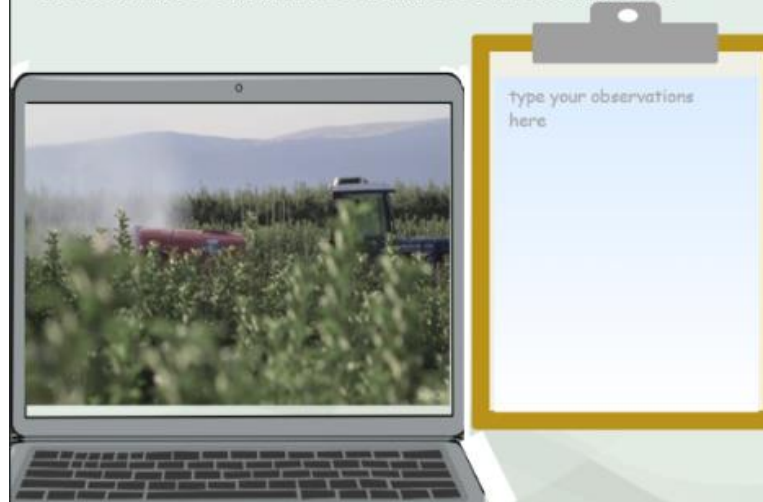
Sol y Luna have a good understanding of the problem

Write down things you don't know about the problem

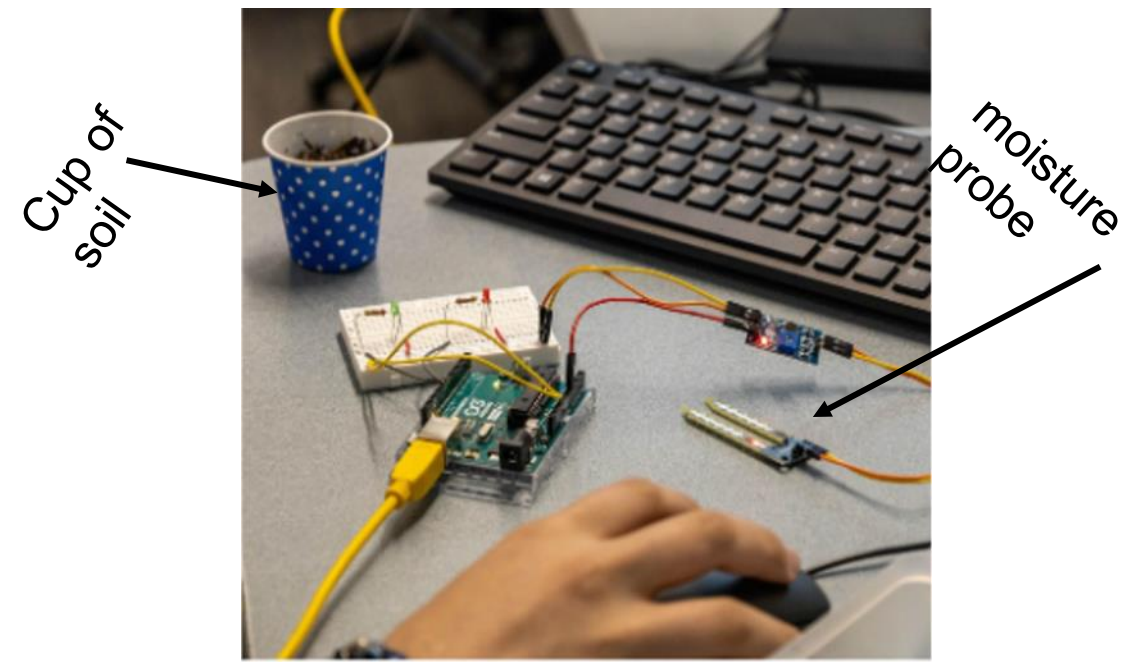
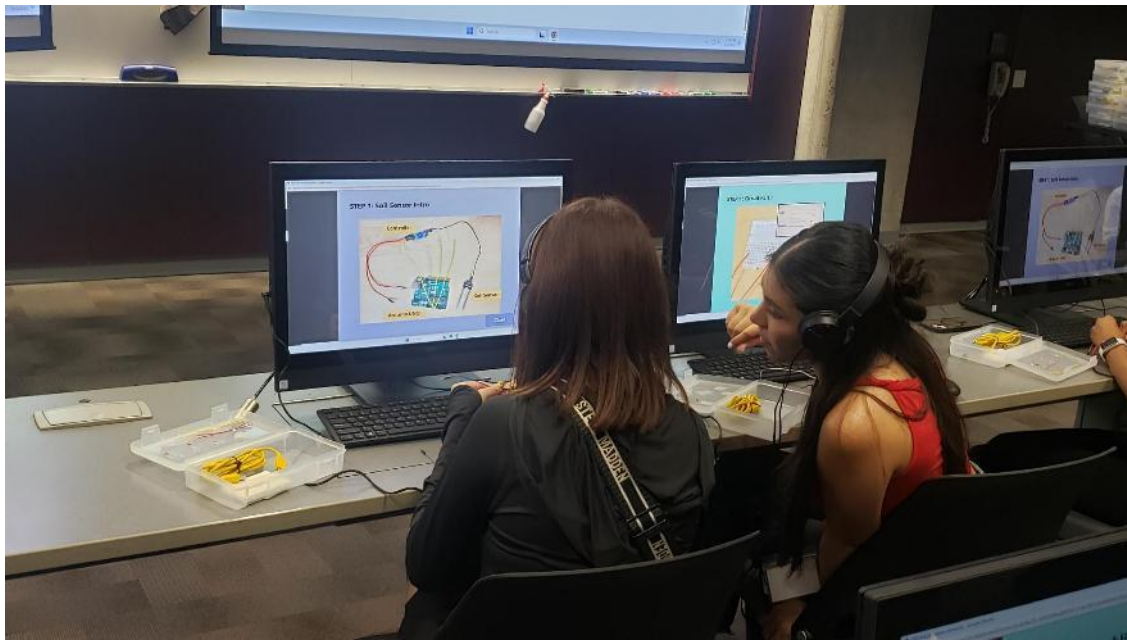
Search online for more information

Observe workers in the field

Watch video and write down observation notes



A dangerous pesticide known for **attacking the nervous system**



2. Building a physical system



RESEARCH ARTICLE

Increasing Latinx migratory high school students' engineering interest and self-efficacy beliefs: A culturally responsive gamified engineering design activity

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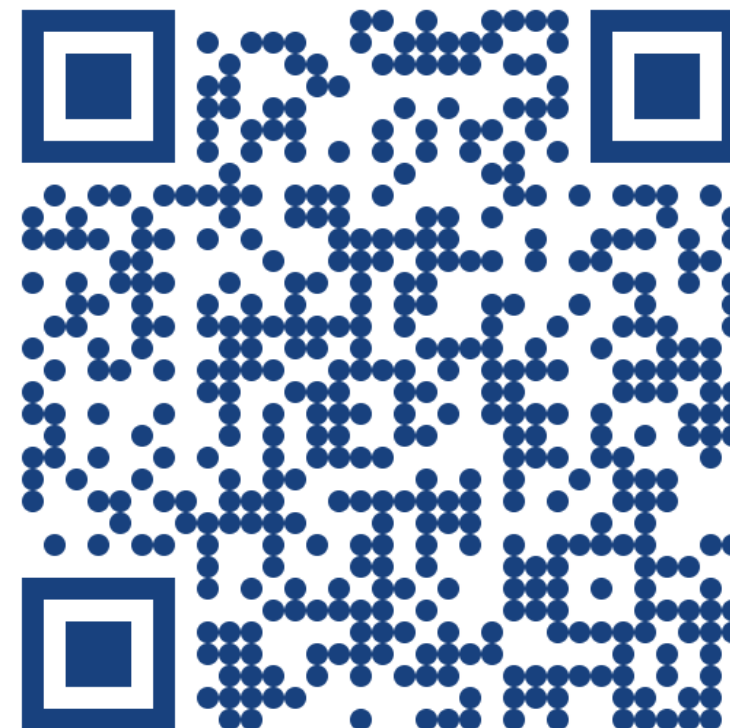
National Science Foundation, Grant/Award Number: 2225306

Abstract

Background: The ongoing underrepresentation of Latinx students, particularly girls, in engineering calls for new approaches to broaden participation. The present study aims to address this disparity by implementing a culturally responsive gamified engineering activity for migratory high school students, an often-overlooked subset of Latinx youth. The activity integrated principles of culturally responsive instruction and elements of gamification to teach the engineering design process and boost students' engineering interest and self-efficacy beliefs.

Method: A repeated-measures mixed ANOVA was used to analyze pre- and post-survey measures from 144 Latinx migratory high school students who participated in a summer program.

Results: After engaging in the activity, Latinx migratory high school students had a significantly greater interest in engineering, and their overall confidence in their ability to academically excel in engineering increased. Students felt



BCSER Project

Designing an Equitable Approach to Multiplicative Reasoning through Dynamic Measurement for Area

Nicole Panorkou

Professor of Mathematics Education

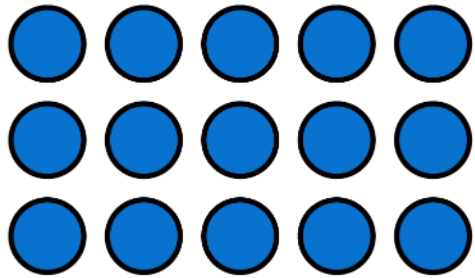
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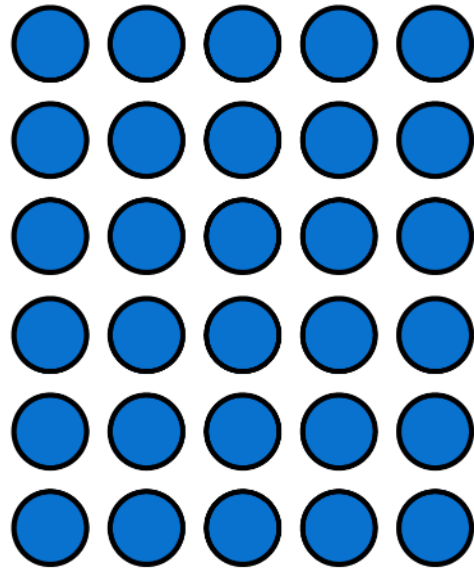
- Math Educator in the Math department
- Living in New Jersey
- First sole PI on an NSF grant
- BCSEER duration: Sept 2023 → Aug 2026 → Extended to Aug 2027
- Current BCSEER team: 3 doctoral assistants, 1 postdoc
- When I applied for BCSEER I was an associate professor
- First time mom!

Prior Research

Current State of Multiplicative Reasoning



$$3 \times 5$$



$$6 \times 5$$

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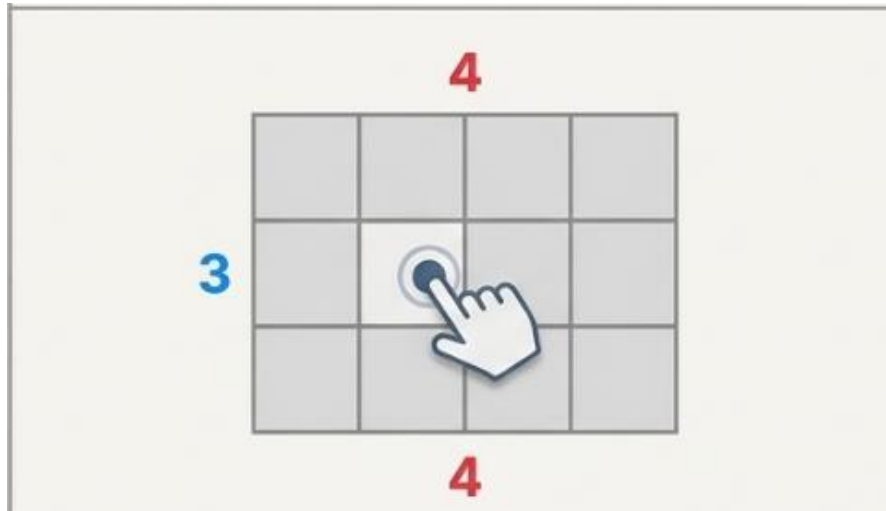
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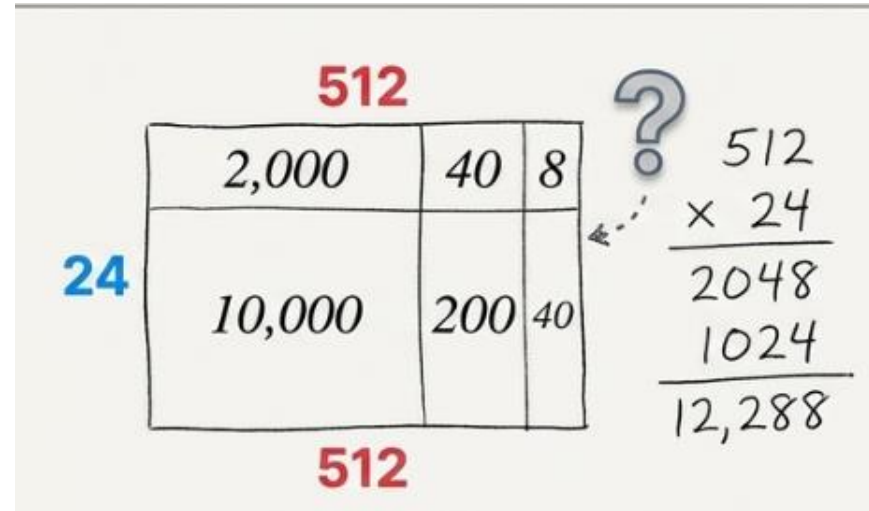
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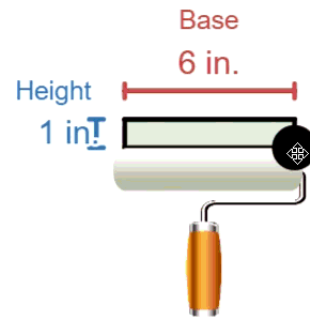
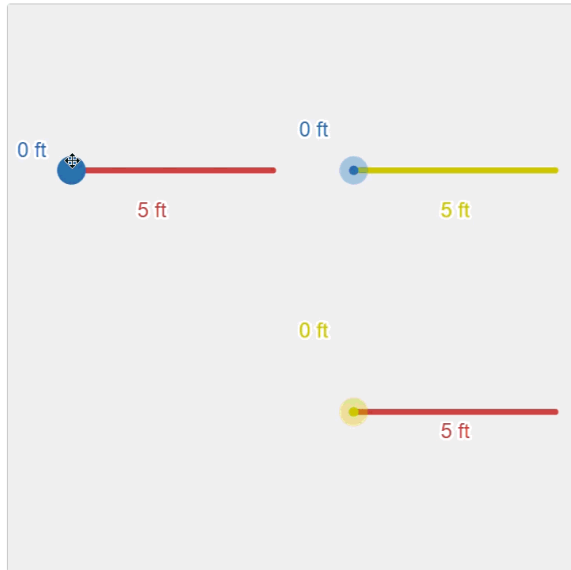
Students rely on counting



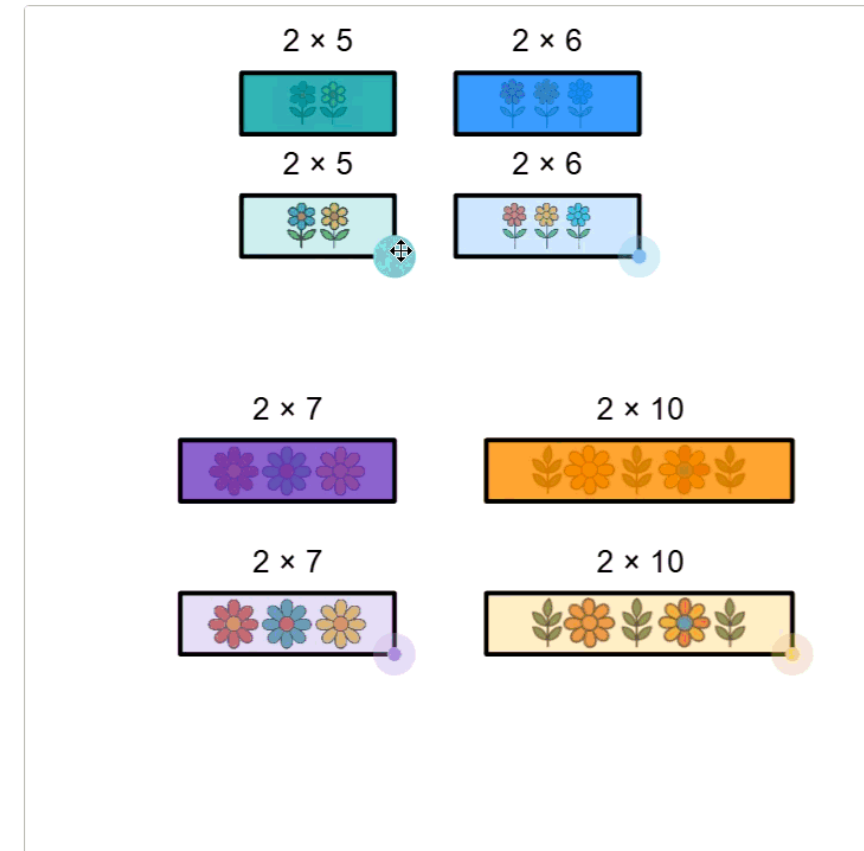
Models break at scale

Prior Research

Dynamic Measurement & Multiplicative Reasoning



Show Square Inches



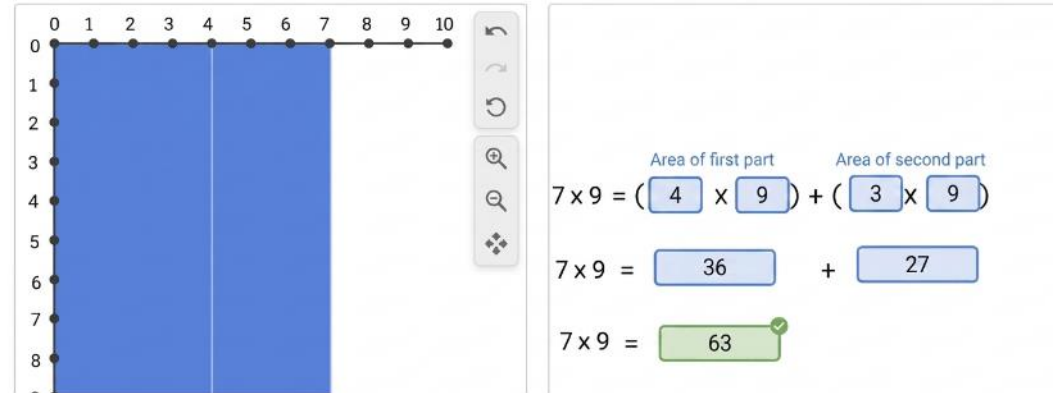
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Prior Research

Dynamic Measurement & Multiplicative Reasoning

Click and drag the blue square to represent 7×9 .

Use the Cut action to cut the rectangle into two parts. They don't have to be equal! Describe the areas created.

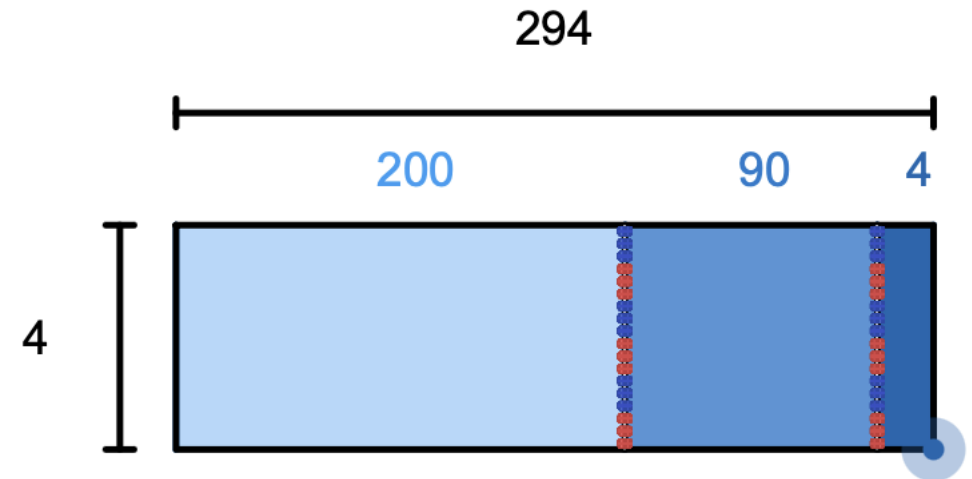


Area of first part: 4×9

Area of second part: 3×9

$7 \times 9 = 36 + 27$

$7 \times 9 = 63$ ✓



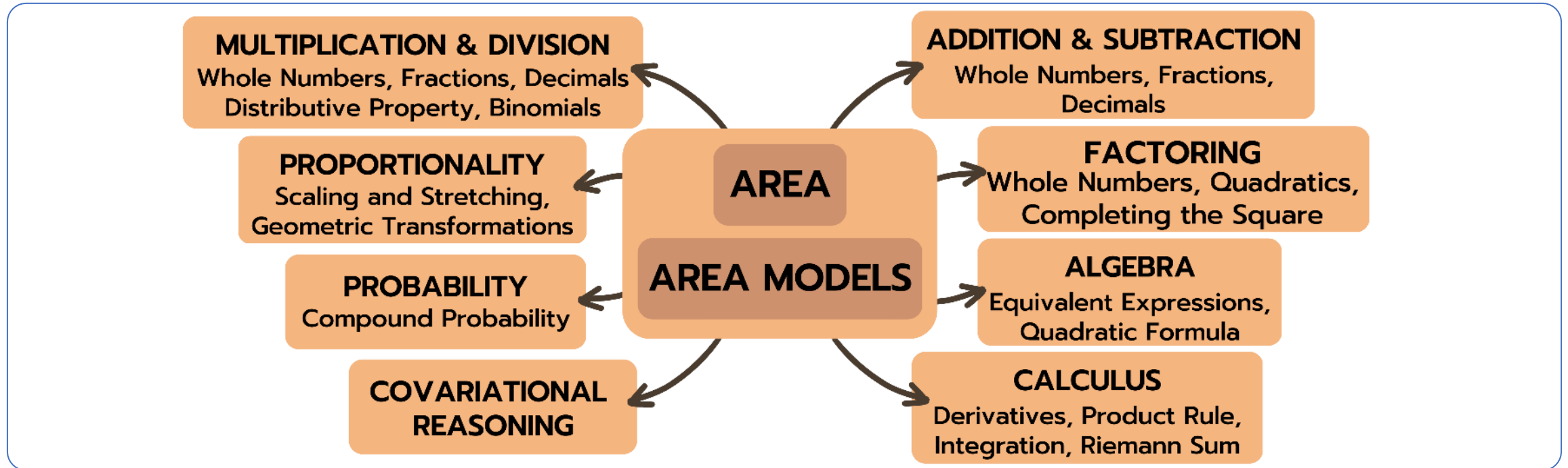
$$4 \times 294 =$$

Expanded form of 294

$$4 \times (200 + 90 + 4)$$

Value of Hundreds Value of Tens Value of Ones

Extending this line of work



New Research Capacity - BC SER

New: Multiplicative Reasoning

(1) How can students' DYME-A reasoning support their development of multiplicative reasoning?

New: Equity in Math Education with a focus on equitable designs

(2) What type of an intervention design for DYME-A can reach a more diverse population of students and broaden its impact?

(3) How may the design experiment methodology be informed by equity research to engineer more equitable designs and theories?

Professional Development

- (a) delving deeper into the multiplicative reasoning literature to describe the interplay with DYME-A, and
- (b) problematizing the current use of design experiment methodology and finding ways to merge established methods used in equity research to engineer more equitable designs and theories.

Professional Development Plan

- Two mentors: (a) multiplicative reasoning and (b) design experiments
- Advisory board: Three focusing on equity

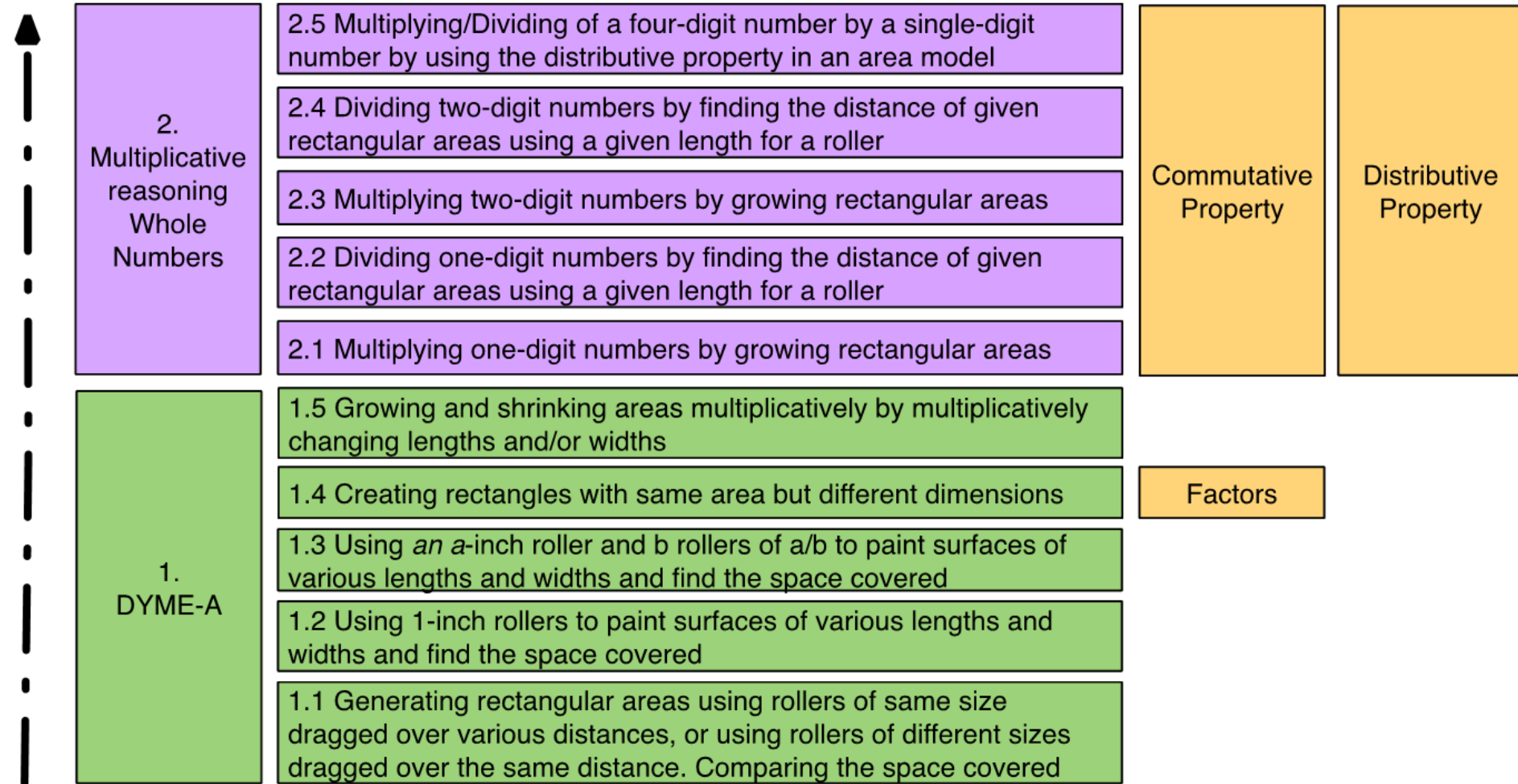
Engaging Students of Color in Participatory Design Research

Teaching mathematics for social justice

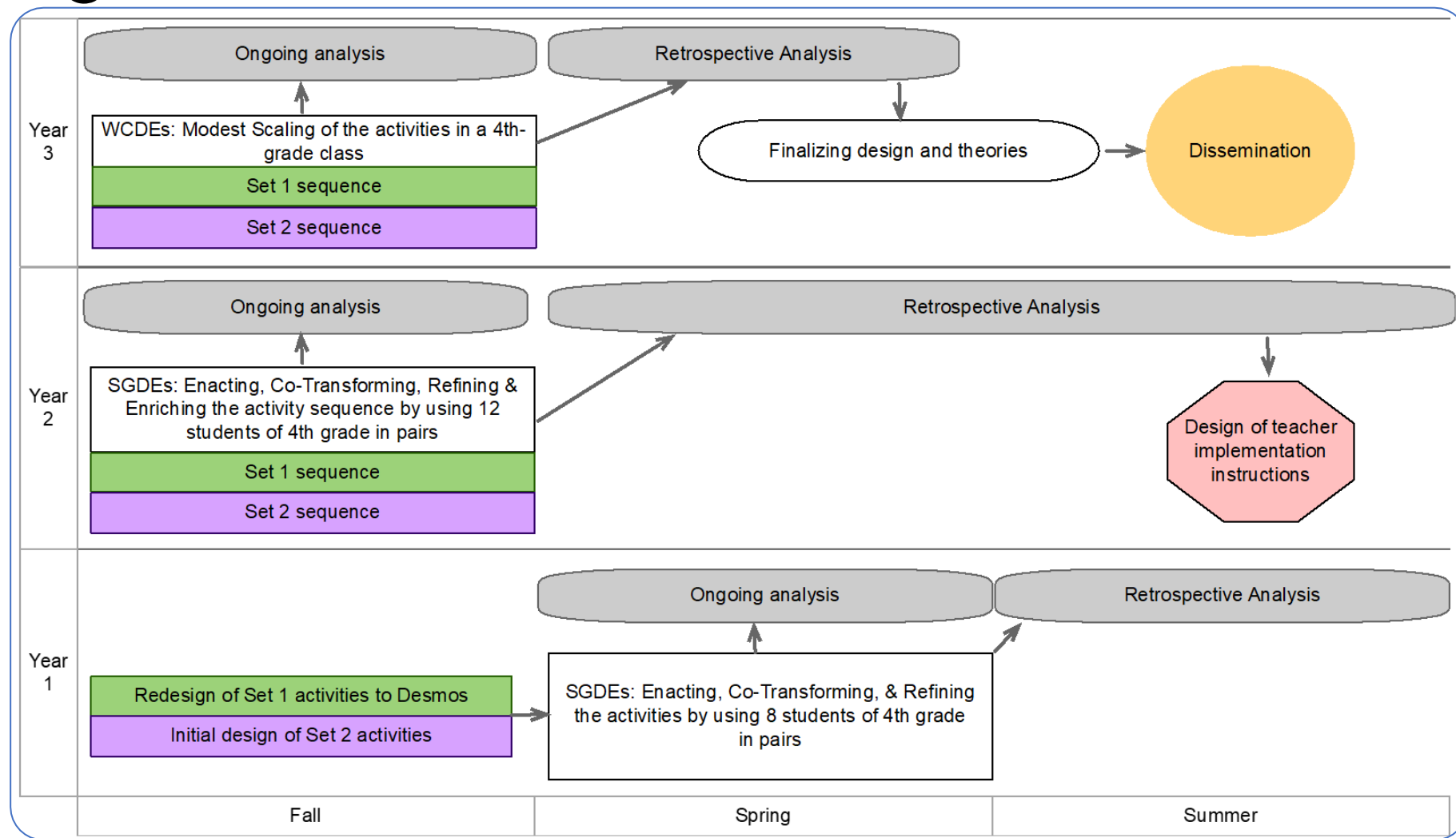
Experiences of Latinx students' learning of mathematics

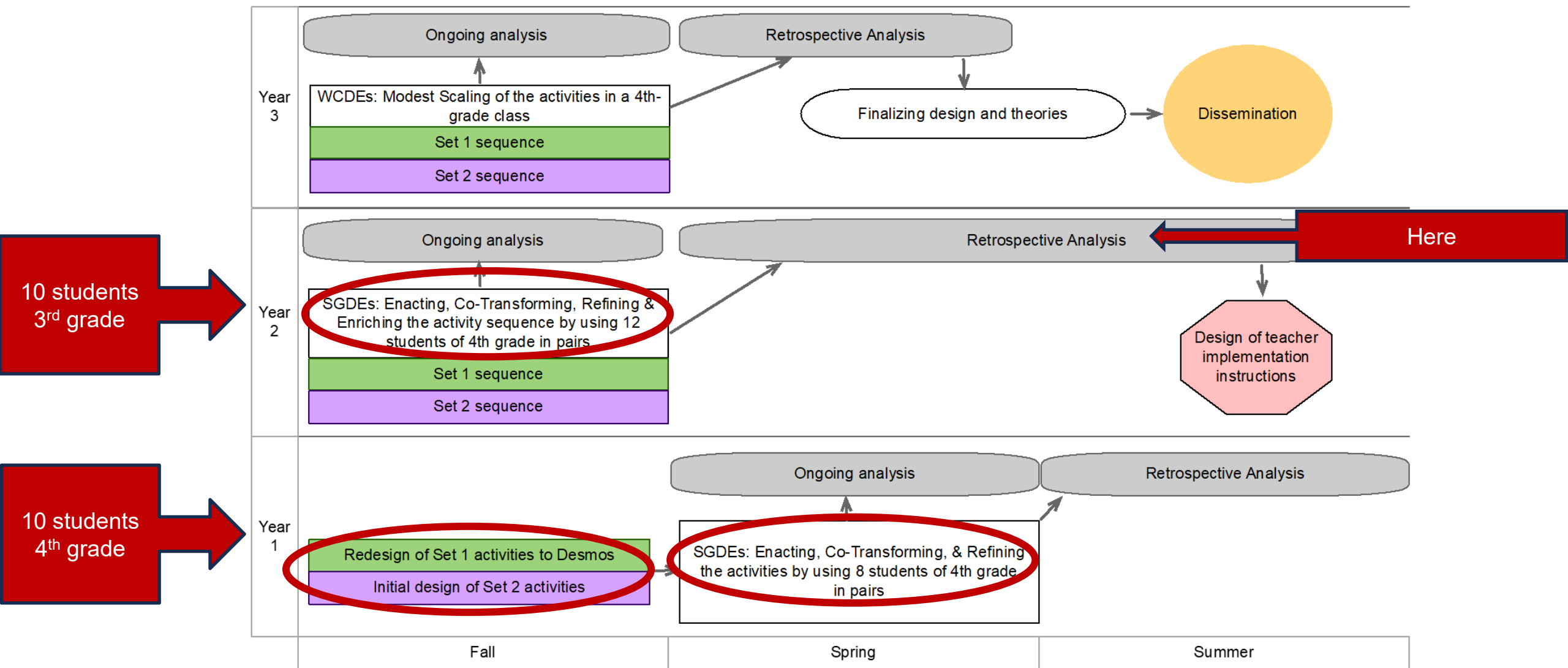
- Conferences
- Reading. Lots of reading!

Task Design



Research Design





Current State of the Project

2023 – 2024: Task Design (Merged)

2024 – 2025: DE & Ongoing Analysis, co-design with teachers and students

2025 – 2026: Retrospective Analysis using three different lenses (reasoning, embodied actions, co-design)

Next steps:

- Modest scale in a classroom
- More analysis
- Dissemination

Lesson Learned

- ✓ Research is a **dynamic** process.
- ✓ My idea will **evolve** and **transform** as the research unfolds.
- ✓ New ideas will **emerge** through the process
- ✓ Embrace the unexpected as opportunities for growth and future discovery!

Looking forward to your questions!

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How BCSEER Catalyzed a Program on Epistemological Messaging

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Why should students take chemistry classes?

Chemistry knowledge and practices are useful in daily life

Useful in daily life: *“help people solve personally meaningful problems in their lives, directly affect their material and social circumstances, shape their behavior, and inform their most significant and practical political decisions”* (Feinstein, 2011, p 169)

Constructing Knowledge in Daily Life

Gas Stoves

Could They Be Banned?

Climate and Health Concerns

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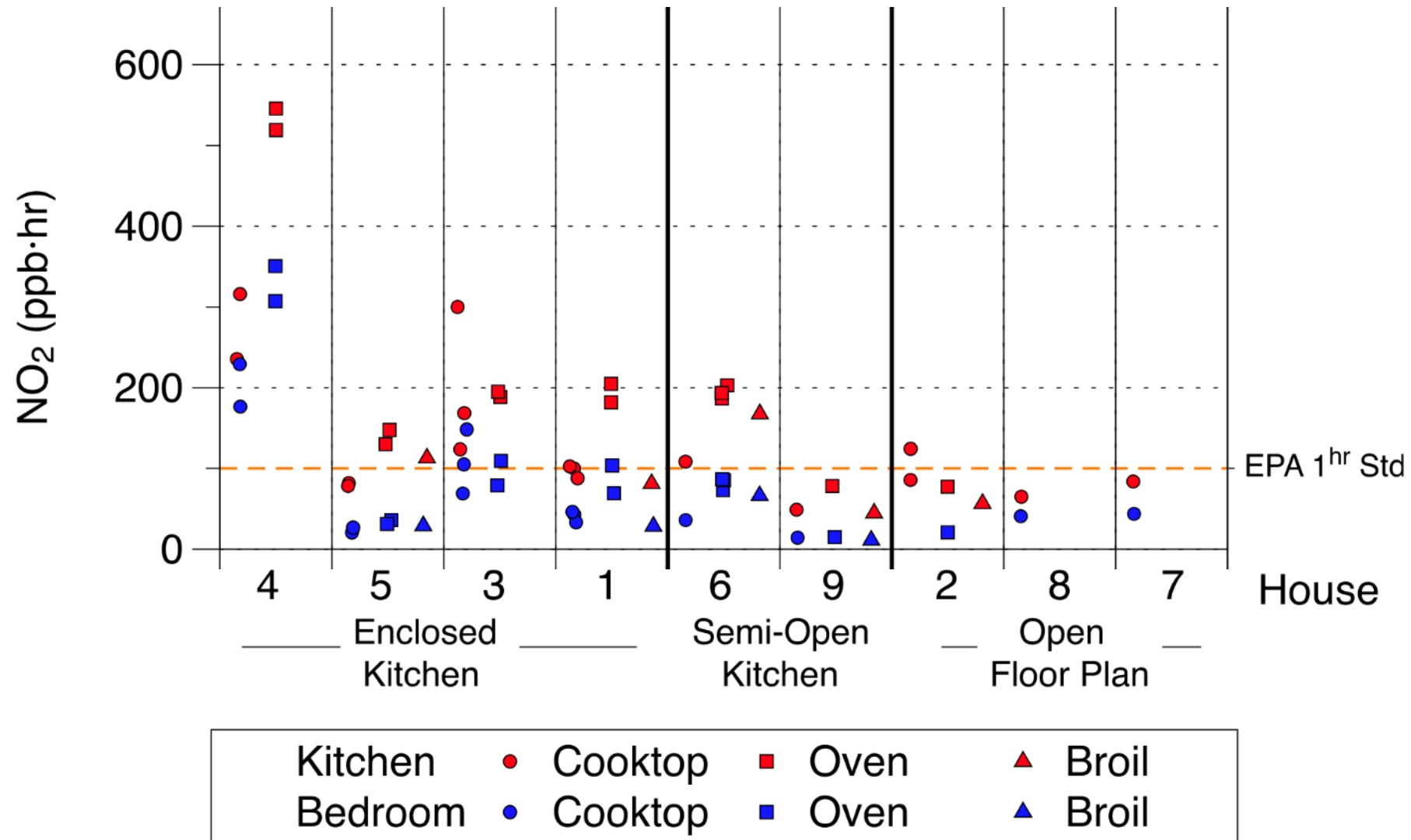


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A study published last year found that families who use gas stoves in homes with poor ventilation, or without range hoods, can blow past the national standards for safe hourly indoor exposures to nitrogen oxides within just a few minutes

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I know a lot about this topic that could be useful!

Should I be worried about my stove?

$$PV=nRT$$

NO₂ has pi bonding interactions

Gas stoves work by emitting gas molecules via the flames

Stuff spreads out when it moves into a new area

$$\left(P + \frac{an^2}{V^2}\right)(V - nb) = nRT$$

Molecules interact via elastic collisions

Some gases are good for me and some gases are bad for me.

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I need a causal story for how this works.

If I don't know the answer I can construct one based on things I know.

My answer should make sense to me.

I have some everyday experiences that can help me.

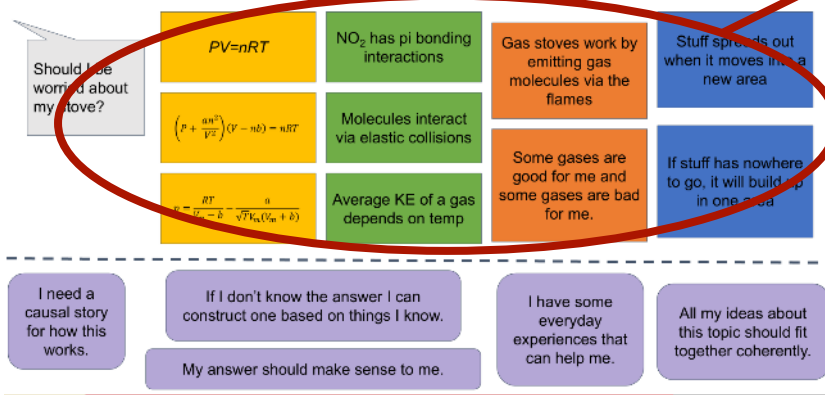
All my ideas about this topic should fit together coherently.

Different kinds of knowledge I have to work with

• Conceptual or Content Knowledge:

- Knowledge about the science topic
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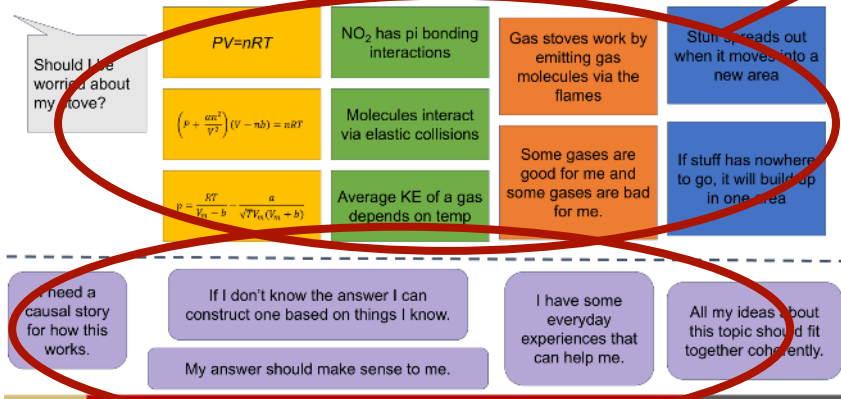


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- **Meta-Knowledge about Explanation Construction:**

- Tacit knowledge about appropriate ways to construct knowledge and appropriate types of knowledge to use
- Referred to as “personal **epistemologies**” within education research (e.g., Collins & Ferguson, 1993; Hammer, 1994; Hofer & Pintrich, 2002; Sandoval, 2005)

Collins, A., & Ferguson, W. (1993). Epistemic forms and epistemic games: Structures and strategies to guide inquiry. *Educational psychologist*, 28(1), 25-42.

Hammer, D. (1994). Epistemological beliefs in introductory physics. *Cognition and Instruction*, 12(2), 151-183.

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Epistemologies

Epistemologies *“consist of [people’s] systems of beliefs [tacit or explicit] about (1) the nature of knowledge and (2) the process of knowing”*

- Chinn, Buckland, Samarpungavan, 2011, p. 141

Epistemologies include ideas about aims for knowledge construction, reliable processes for achieving aims, how knowledge is justified etc.

What do epistemologies do?

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I need an explanation that makes sense to me.

How and Why I've Been Constructing Knowledge

Why Construct Knowledge?

- I'd rather not be poisoned by my gas stove
- I'd rather not leak a bunch of methane into the atmosphere

How Knowledge Is Being Constructed?

- Accumulation from several sources
- Knowledge is justified by aligning with data or trusted authorities
- Arguments are being crafted related to our options

How and Why I've Been Constructing Knowledge

What hasn't been happening:

- No answer key has been consulted
- No one told me how and why to construct knowledge
- No one forced me to come to a conclusion in a set time - my partner and I decided when we were “done”
- I was not constrained to the bounds of school chemistry

Epistemologies are key to our goal

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Chemistry classes should help learners “*explore and discuss the differences between knowledge in multiple contexts*” (Elby & Hammer, 2001, p. 564) they will likely encounter in post-school life.

BCSER Catalyzed Partnerships



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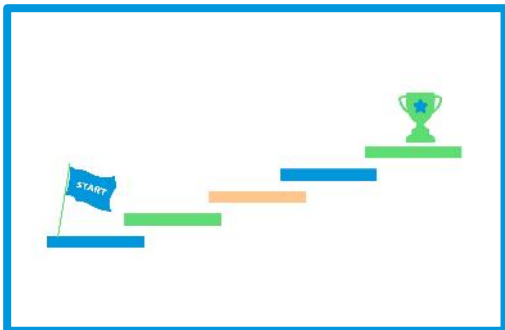


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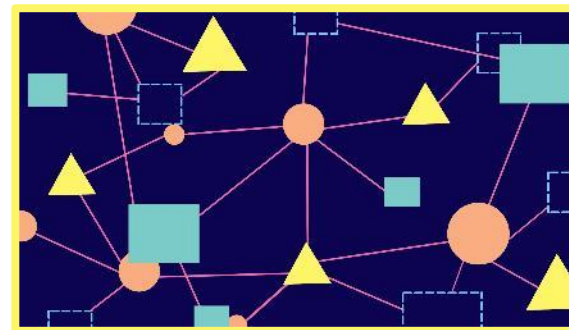
Conceptualizes epistemologies made of small “pieces” compiled in-the-moment

How We Understand Epistemology



Beliefs Model

- Stable over time
- Able to be articulated explicitly
- Hierarchical
- Multi-dimensional

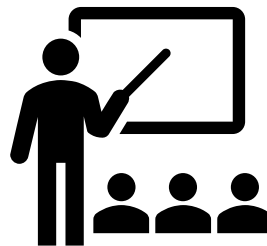


Network Model

- Dynamic over a timescale of minutes
- Tacit and inferable from behavior
- Have varying utility in different times and places
- Multi-dimensional

Epistemological Messaging Landscape

Epistemological
messages embedded in



Instruction

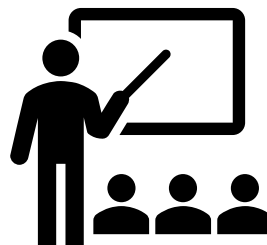
“The best way for you to prepare for course assessments is to practice explaining how/why chemical phenomena happen on problem sets, during discussion and on practice quizzes/exams”

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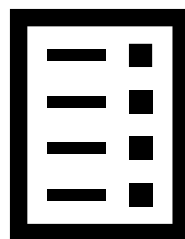
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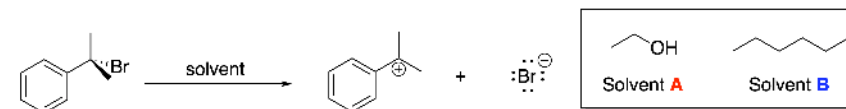


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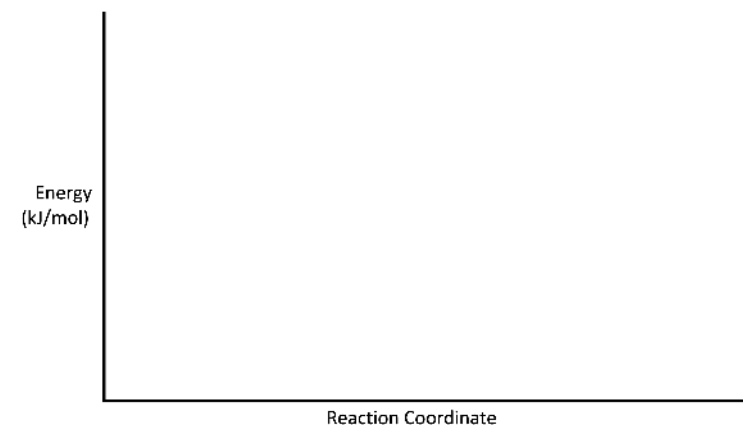


Assessment

- IV. Solvents play a key role in reaction systems by favoring or disfavoring particular reaction pathways. Generation of a cation from a highly substituted alkyl halide is one example of a process that is highly solvent-dependent. For the purposes of this problem, consider formation of the corresponding carbocation and halide from 2-bromo-2-phenylpropane. **(15 pts total)**



- A. On the axis below, draw the potential energy surface corresponding to generation of the cation shown above when 2-bromo-2-phenylpropane is added to solvent **A** (solid line). Overlay this with the potential energy surface corresponding to the generation of the cation when the alkyl halide is added to solvent **B** (dotted line). **Start both potential energy surfaces at the same location.** Make sure to label the transition state, activation energy and relevant intermediate(s) for these processes. **(10 pts)**



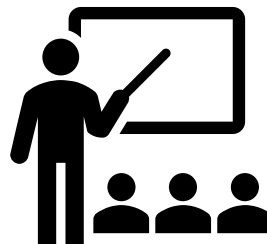
- B. Using the potential energy surfaces you drew for part A, predict which of the two solvents would lead to a faster rate of carbocation formation. Explain your reasoning, making sure to connect the relative stability of the two transition states to reaction rate. **(5 pts)**

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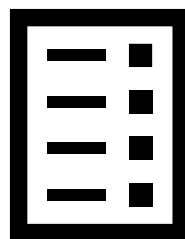
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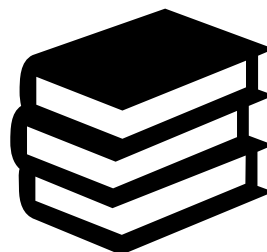
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Curricular materials

Chem 343

- Fast paced
 - New concepts build on what you've learned previously
 - Keep a **consistent** pace in learning
- You need to learn the material in depth
 - Discussions
 - Textbook
 - Problem sets
- Do NOT rely on memorization
- Work together ⁵⁷⁵
- Course is out of ~~605~~ pts
 - 3 quizzes (25 pts each), 3 Model Assessments (10 pts each), 3 exams (100 pts each), 1 final exam (200 pts)

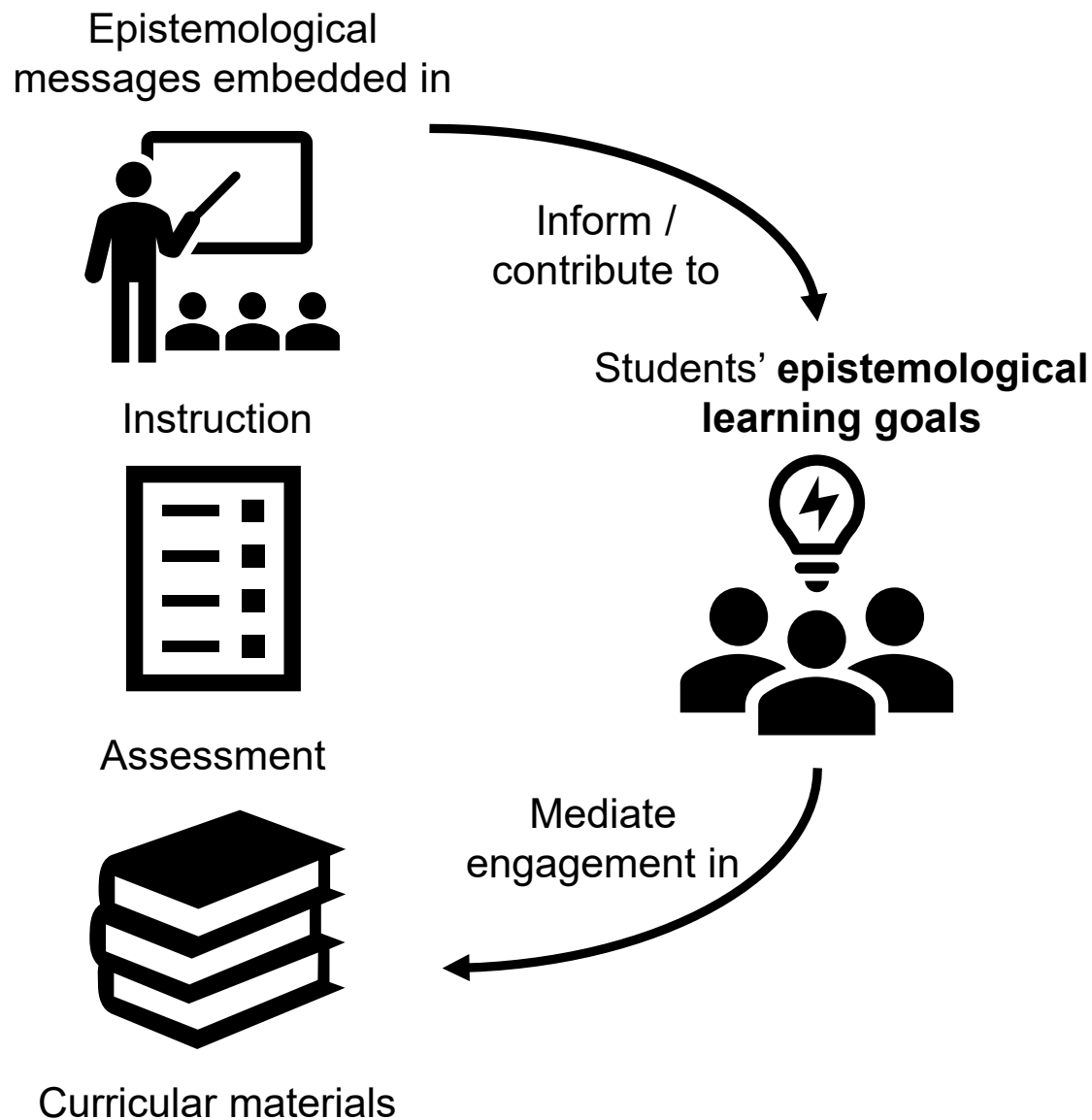
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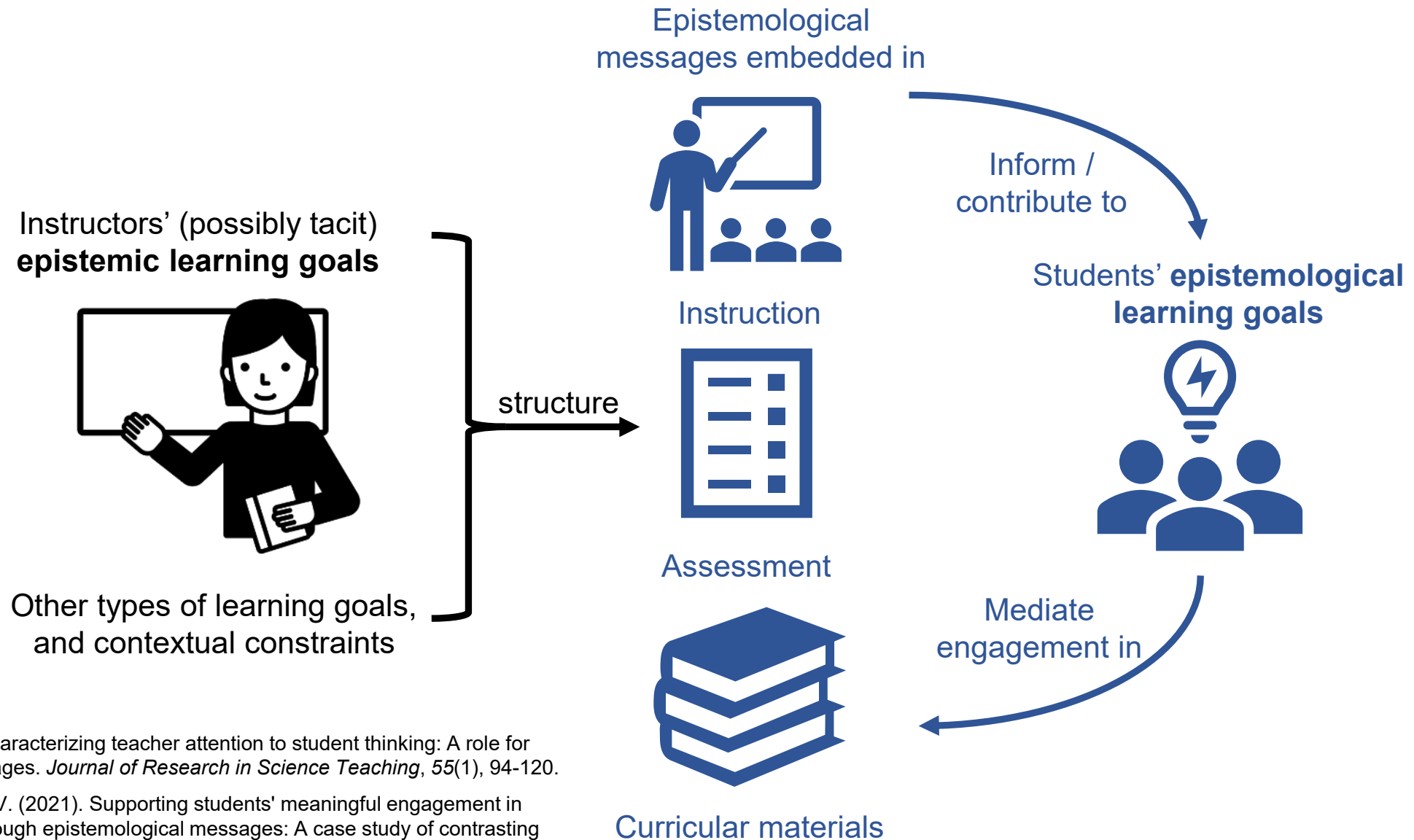
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