Types of Inquiry-Based Learning

The classroom possesses the capacity to evolve into a hub for student-driven exploration, fostering opportunities for inquiry, investigation, and research to attain knowledge.

There are four primary models of inquiry-based learning: structured, guided, controlled, and open.

These student-centered learning methods are versatile and relevant across various educational levels, spanning from prekindergarten to higher education.

Structured Inquiry

Students follow the teacher's lead as the entire class engages in the investigation together.

Controlled Inquiry

Teacher selects the topic and identifies the resources students will use to answer the question.

Guided Inquiry

Teacher selects the topic(s) or guiding question(s) and students investigate to answer the question.

Open Inquiry

Teacher acts as a guide and facilitator as students select their own topics, resources, and method to the investigation.

Minimal Critical Thinking Skills

