

# Blended Learning Spaces



## South Ripley Elementary is Making it Happen!



### WE ARE

*SRES is a rural elementary school with just under 650 students. We are located in southeastern Indiana. We are proud to provide our students with 21<sup>st</sup> century learning opportunities, preparing them to be future citizens of tomorrow! SRES has been a leader in southeastern Indiana regarding data-driven instruction and technology implementation.*

### OUR STUDENTS & FAMILIES

*Although we have a free and reduced lunch population of nearly 65%, SRES is an "A" rated school by the Indiana Department of Education. Our families primarily speak English, and our student population is 96% White. Our community is supportive of our blended technology approach with learning and our movement away from the traditional learning spaces.*

### OUR STAFF

*The teaching staff at SRES is committed to being the best. Our teachers are highly collaborative and seamlessly integrate technology into a blended learning environment for our students.*

### OUR PROMISING PRACTICE

*South Ripley Elementary School is dedicated to educating students today, to become responsible citizens of tomorrow. We are committed to providing our students a 21<sup>st</sup> century education. We are creating blended learning spaces throughout our building where students can create, curate, and collaborate. We transformed an old kindergarten classroom into a state of the art innovation room, named Sandbox SR. This room is equipped with a four monitor media scape table, a 65" touch screen SmartBoard, and multiple wall-mounted LCD screens where students can plug in their Chromebooks. Other spaces have been developed in our Art Studio, where students are free to create anything from videos to 3-D art projects printed on our own 3-D printer. These are the beginning steps to creating our own MakerSpace here at SRES.*

### OUR STEPS

*To make our vision a reality, SRES worked in conjunction with various community organizations, as well as pursuing grant opportunities to secure funding. Since establishing our blended learning spaces, we are utilizing them to create learning experiences for our students. We have transitioned our morning announcements to student-led videos, with a group of students leading the way. Another important step that our corporation took was moving to a 1:1 environment. We currently have Chromebooks and iPads for all SRES students. We use Google Classroom as our LMS. We continue to look for new and exciting ways to educate our students today, to become responsible citizens of tomorrow.*

### IN OUR OWN WORDS

*In a recent impact analysis performed by Five-Star Technology Solutions, SRES students were quoted saying, "The Sandbox SR is awesome!". Throughout this study, students gave various examples of creative projects or sites they felt they positively connected with or that contributed to their learning. What concrete evidence could be better than students themselves recognizing the learning that is taking place in non-traditional settings! Through blended learning spaces, we believe we truly are educating students today, to become responsible citizens of tomorrow!*

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