



About the Project

This exciting, hands-on project is sponsored by the North Carolina Delta Kappa Gamma Educational Foundation and brings innovation and practicality threefold by putting eduCrates in the hands of new teachers; facilitating their independent professional growth; and accelerating the academic achievement of their elementary students.

The project Be Great with eduCrate! is designed to measure the ease of effective implementation of eduCrate's research-based professional and instructional resources as well as their resulting impact on student achievement.

The first of its kind, eduCrate is a professional learning subscription box of theme-based instructional materials. Additionally, eduCrate is an eduConsulting Firm product, so each box can be customized for the subscriber.

An eduCrate primarily consists of three major items: (1) a professional text aimed at professional growth for the teacher subscriber; (2) a student-centered text and accompanying instructional guide for teacher use in class with students; and (3) a strategy of some sort.

eduCrate, however, is more than two books in a box! Each crate is loaded with a myriad of master teacher tips, instructional guides, lesson plan ideas, templates, strategies, samples, and all kinds of extras! All that eduSwag makes eduCrate sought-after toolkits. Implementing innovative instructional ideas becomes a fun, practical, and engaging endeavor that fosters positive perceptions about professional learning and results in student achievement.

Although five-star qualitative data continually celebrate eduCrate for the powerful simplicity of its contents, the goal of this project is to determine eduCrate's impact out of the box and in action!

At its core, this fun project includes gifting two elementary school teachers two eduCrates each over the course of the academic year's subscription cycle. Teachers will implement crate-prescribed instructional practices in their respective classrooms to answer the following questions:

1. What is eduCrate's potential impact on actively implementing professional learning in classrooms?
2. What impact does eduCrate have on teacher perspectives about their own professional growth?
3. What impact does eduCrate have on student achievement?



Objectives, Outcomes, Measures

Objectives

The three primary objectives of Be Great with eduCrate is to determine the impact of eduCrate on

- (1) implementation of professional learning;
- (2) teacher perspectives about professional growth, and
- (3) student learning.

Outcomes

As the project title implies, teachers using eduCrate as integral part of their instructional practice will find forms of greatness that result in the following expected outcomes:

- (a) putting theories into practice;
- (b) promoting positive perspectives about professional growth; and
- (c) increasing student achievement.

Additionally, with beginning teachers as the intended target group, Be Great with eduCrate also aims to retain new teachers in selected districts.

Measures:

The following three measures will be used to evaluate the project:

- (1) two debriefings with selected teachers, one prior to the start of the project and one at its conclusion;
- (2) a teacher survey, and
- (3) teacher-determined and project-approved student formative assessment data on selected standards featured in the two eduCrates received.