

## Flexible Learning Environments with Digital Learning: Pangburn High School

00:11 - In a small rural isolated town in Arkansas, between the mountains and the delta plains lies a beautiful place called Pangburn. But there's more to the eye than just beautiful landscape.

00:21 – At Pangburn High School, there are educational opportunities that aim to enable all learners to acquire knowledge and the skills needed to cultivate and inspire to overcome obstacles and achieve life-long goals. Pangburn's campus is equipped with the technology that allows the flexibility for student-focused learning.

00:38 – The digital curriculum that we have has helped the students by helping them to go at their own pace, their able to get ahead in some lessons. And it really helps us to identify the students that are needing additional help. Teachers get feedback from the digital curriculum that tells where students are, what they need so they can get that 1 on 1 small group on the flex days that we have. It also allows students to excel and move ahead so they're not waiting on everybody else, like the other curriculum that we've done in the past, opening up doors for them to explore other things as well.

01:16 – Slide: “Pangburn's flexible scheduling allows self-paced student learning”

01:22 – When the rest of my class is on one thing, we all have the same deadline, but they can be just starting on it and I can be able to be either done with it or move on to the next thing. And the teachers usually, they'll give us a lesson on what the majority of the class is learning at the moment, like what everyone's on, and the rest of the kids can just ask questions when she's done usually. And they will be able to get caught up or move forward.

01:52 – Slide: “Flexible scheduling helps motivate students to pursue other interests.”

02:00 – My sophomore year, I struggled, a lot and I started taking Ag and I started welding. But my grades weren't good. I talked to my advisor, we made a deal. She

said if I get caught up, I could go there for four more periods a day. I stayed caught up that whole year, I'm [on the] honor roll to now. So, it taught me a lot.

02:29 – When he got into high school, and was able go to shop class, they started letting them weld. He had always been behind in school. He'd come in at the end, we'd have twenty to thirty assignments at the end of the year that needed to be done. It was summer school every year. But since he was able to go and do this welding [if] he got all of his work done [then] he could go. Whenever he had all of his stuff done, you [he] could go on. [He was told] you could go and weld right now. And he would sometimes spend hours in the shop and they would just let him weld. He was coming to school ready to go to school every day, he didn't hate school anymore, he loved it. That lit a spark in him, the ability to do something other than just do traditional learning with book and paper.

03:16 – The motivation comes from the school not being a traditional, five day a week school where you're just in class five days a week, getting the same as you would in a traditional school. It's from the experiences and opportunities for you to follow your passions, to do internships, to do community service, to work on club activities. To do things outside the classroom. That is where the real motivation from the students have come.

03:47 – Being at Pangburn and working at my own speed allows me to work ahead. That way by the end of the week, I'm done and able to work on my extra curriculars like art club, cheer and anything else I want to do, like ACT study prep. And that helps me a lot because it also enables me to have time to spend with my friends.

04:11 – I go to the fourth grade and I am involved in their book club. So I can either get in a group with them and help them read and answer the questions about the book their reading. I know I'll get a lot of credits from it so that will also help with scholarships [and stuff]. The actual – like – benefit from the community service is I'll be able to be more comfortable around kids also, like in a classroom setup. And it will get me more adjusted to doing community service when I get older and how it works and what the benefits are.

04:44 – Digital learning has impacted our student success in a number of ways. Number one, digital learning gives us a way to track student success and advancement in classes. It's allowed us to personalize learning. It's allowed us interventions and remediations to try to catch students up so digital learning has impacted our success in many ways.

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