

Analyzing a Task or Project for Technology Integration

Examine the scenario in the following table, and answer the questions. Then, compare your answers to the authors' responses.

Scenario: After studying causes of bullying, students create a digital book using Storybird (https://storybird.com) about a time when they observed bullying.	
Level of Technology Integration	What is the level of technology integration on the Create Excellence Framework?
Ways to Raise the Technology Integration	What are some ways to raise the level of technology integration?
New Level of Technology Integration	What is the new level of technology integration on the Create Excellence Framework?

Authors' Responses

Compare your answers to the authors' responses to the scenario questions.

Level of Technology Integration

This assignment is on level 2 (Practicing) of the Create Excellence Framework. Students are using technology for a reflection activity. There is no collaboration required for this task or attempt to solve a real-world problem.

Ways to Raise the Technology Integration

After studying causes of bullying, collaborative teams of students propose a plan (cognitive complexity) to address bullying in their school or community (real-world learning). Students must collaborate with community resources (student engagement) and use two or more appropriate technologies (technology integration).

New Level of Technology Integration

This assignment is on level 4 (Integrating) of the Create Excellence Framework.

- **Cognitive complexity:** Students use complex thinking in analyzing the type and frequency of bullying that affects students and decision-making skills regarding what to include in the character education skit (the team creates multiple versions of a skit appropriate for each grade level and acts out the skits for classes).
- **Student engagement:** Students design their message and presentation format, and seek out counselors for advice and assistance in mentoring the elementary students on the *Safe Zone* blog.
- **Real-world learning:** Bullying is a real issue; students present to a group outside their own school, creating an impact beyond their own school through interactions with the students.
- **Technology integration:** The electronic blog format is chosen as a more inviting anonymous method for posting bullying concerns; the team also creates a screencast for training purposes for students, demonstrating how to use the blog.