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**Team learning (TBL) in the upper
secondary school – focus changes from
teaching to learning**

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TBL

Is based on four underlying principles (Michaelsen & Richards 2005):

1. Groups should be properly formed (e.g. Intellectual talent should be equally distributed among the groups). These teams are fixed for the whole course.
2. Students are accountable for their pre-learning and for working in teams.
3. Team assignments must promote both learning and team development.
4. Students must receive frequent and immediate feedback.

Team course in Ylöjärvi (5-6 credits)

- kick off 24h-camp
- Seven weeks in October and November
- 5-6 subjects (Finnish, English, Geography, Physics, Student counselling)
- PBL
- 140 student = 25 teams
- 4-6 persons / team
- 6 weeks / 6 themes

Why change the operational culture? – Teachers' point of view

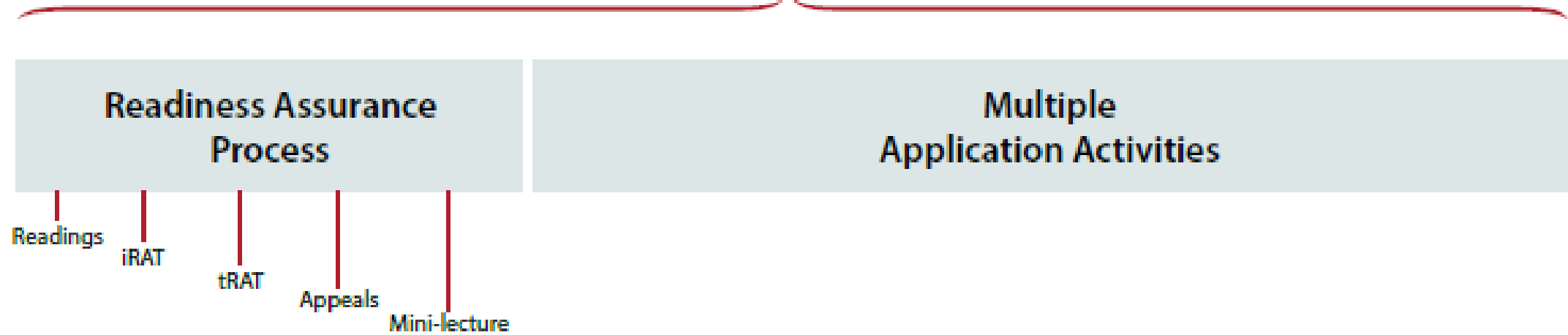
- A wish for professional development
- You will get to know your colleagues and their subjects – your own professionalism increases
- A wish to increase students' deeper learning
- Teacher becomes closer to students – role changes
- Working in a team increases cooperation between colleagues
- Team learning is a natural way to use ICT in learning

Why team course? – Students' point of view

- A different way to learn
- Social-, team working-, work life skills develop
- Learn to apply and evaluate knowledge
- Peer learning/evaluation possibilities
- Self-assessment in: strengths, weaknesses
- Increase the motivation
- Increase team spirit

How must the school
change?

Typical TBL Cycle



Implementation

- First week: 24h-camp and 2 days of general information
- The week starts on Friday: pre-learning assignments and the election of the team leader for the next week
- Monday: readiness assurance tests (RAT)
- The team plans their own timetable for the week, books teacher meetings and workshops
- There are also visits and visitors

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What we learned

- The students get to know each other better than before
- They are more confident, courageous, independent, critical
- Grades are the same or better than before
- Teachers were able to plan their teaching together
- There are other ways to learn, not just lecturing
- Students become more responsible – ownership of learning

Thank you!

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