

# Using skype™ to Deepen Learning

## What does the Skype Session look like?

### BEFORE

Determine your goal. Why do you want to do this? What topic will you focus on during the discussion?

- Discuss your goal(s) for the Skype session with your students
- Have students use their base of knowledge to formulate questions. Use a tool such as Google Forms to collect student questions.

### DURING

Have your class participate in the Skype Session.

- Discuss the topic.
- Have the professional, or expert, discuss their background and current job/career.
- Make connections between the professional's career/job and the content of your lesson.
- Ask questions.

### POST

Student Reflection using Google Forms.

- What did you learn during the Skype session today?
- How will I apply this knowledge to my next project or future learning?

## What tech will I need?

### Room Set-up:

Large space with everyone visible via Web camera connected to computer/tablet

### Video Set-up:

Video (VGA) output of the computer or tablet on which you are running Skype connected to a projector (with large screen)

Use "full screen" mode and have your device (camera) facing the center of the group so that the professional can see everyone as he/she talks to them

### Audio Set-up:

Connect the stereo audio output of the computer/tablet to a sound system

Recommendation – use a good USB microphone (Blue Microphone's "Snowball"), placed on a microphone stand at the front/center of the room

### Test Run:

I HIGHLY recommend that you schedule a quick "test run" with the professional/expert to confirm that everything will work!