

Research Foundations Summary

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Pedagogical Frame

Catalyst Ed's curriculum is built on a Five-Star architecture: Purpose, Outcomes, Time, Content, Artifact, Rubric, Reflection. Every module is reviewed against this structure before publication.

Theoretical Anchors

The platform draws on responsive instruction, dignity-centered design, and applied professional-judgment frameworks. AI is positioned as an assistant to educator expertise, never as a replacement for it.

Evidence Strategy

Catalyst Ed prioritizes artifact-based evidence over engagement telemetry. Educators submit classroom-usable products that are scored on a published rubric and stored in the educator's private portfolio.

Citations & Detail

A full citation list and the extended research memo are available on request to info@catalyst-ed.app for district, university, and accreditation partners.

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