

Reimagining What's Possible for Every Learner

1. Ensure Every Student is Known and Supported

Build structures that support strong developmental relationships and safe, inclusive school climates that promote belonging, trust, and well-being.

Examples: small learning communities; advisory systems that connect each student with a consistent adult mentor; looping structures where teachers stay with students for multiple years; home visits and regular family connections; restorative practices that strengthen community and resolve conflict constructively.

2. Redesign Learning for Deeper Knowledge and Skills

Develop curriculum, instruction, and assessment strategies that foster authentic, applied learning that supports deep mastery of content and develops critical thinking, collaboration, creativity, and problem-solving—the durable skills students need to thrive in college, career, and civic life – in ways that support greater student engagement and learning.

Examples: project-based and inquiry-based learning; career pathways that connect content to purpose; interdisciplinary courses that integrate disciplines to focus on cross-cutting ideas, internships, portfolios and capstone projects, civic engagement and service learning tied to community issues.

3. Advance Pupil Success and Equitable Outcomes through Student-Centered Learning and Personalized Supports

Provide differentiated, culturally responsive teaching, universal designs for learning, and integrated student supports that close opportunity gaps and ensure success for all students. Identify and implement innovative uses of technology and experiential learning opportunities to support student centered learning.

Examples: culturally connected curriculum; readily available academic supports (lab courses, resource room, tutoring, effective uses of technology supports, co-teaching models to support students with disabilities; tiered academic and behavioral supports aligned with MTSS); embedded mental health and wellness services; targeted interventions for English Learners integrated into core instruction.

4. Promote Measurable Growth in Student Engagement and Learning

Foster reciprocal partnerships with families and community organizations to enrich student learning and engagement, and connect schools to real-world opportunities. Create structures where students actively shape their learning, contribute to decision-making, and demonstrate mastery through authentic assessments that matter for their futures. Track engagement indicators including belonging, agency, and attendance; student academic engagement and course progress; college, career, and civic readiness indicators; and graduation to drive continuous improvement.

Examples: family home visits; regular student led–family–teacher partnership conferences; community partnerships to provide wraparound services, extended learning opportunities, internships, mentoring, and integrated student supports; shared decision-making structures that elevate family and student voice; exhibitions of learning and portfolio defenses; student leadership in school academic initiatives, clubs, and civic engagement; student participation in school decision making; student selected projects addressing real-world challenges.

5. Design sustainable structures to maintain impact over time

Support educators' ongoing professional learning, intentional collaboration time, and leadership opportunities, expanding site level capacity by building these into school structures. Make strategic and sustainable budget decisions to support these structural changes and redesigned student learning.

Examples: redesigned school structures, budgets, allocation of staff, and schedules that support features like collaborative planning and learning time and smaller pupil loads for teachers; block schedules and internships that promote deeper learning for students. Strategies that support ongoing professional learning like peer observation and feedback cycles; embedded coaching; leadership pathways for teacher-leaders.