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# Using ESSA to Redesign High Schools to Support Their Communities in the 21st Century



- Hopeful, positive, future-orientated frame to design high schools for the 21st century rather than being seen as failed schools in need of reform
- Goal is not a high school diploma but strong pathways through high school to postsecondary and adult success for all students
- Evidence-based, but locally customized/orientated-not one way for all
- Address stress and scarcity through capacity building and technical assistance partners tightly aligned to community redesign vision and goals
- Break social isolation via school networks facing similar challenges, provide opportunity for school leaders to travel to see other possibilities
- In high-needs communities make redesigned high school the center of community economic development and social integration efforts

MODULINE

## **Global Guiding Questions**

#### How might we create a school where we all want to be?

• A school with stronger outcomes? A school that is filled with joy? A school that is hopeful?

## How might we come to a common understanding of our shared opportunities and challenges?

• How might we recognize our students as a community resource?

## How might we best utilize the different strengths of adults and students in the school?

- How might we increase human resources in creative and low cost ways?
- How might we creatively involve our community in the process?

## How might we create an environment where we are one with a sense of belonging given the context we are in?

- How might we build on the relationship strengths of adults and students?
- Share a time when your school environment made you and others in the school feel a strong sense of belonging?

#### How will our school culture support redesign opportunities?

• Where will we build in time and places for continuous reflection?

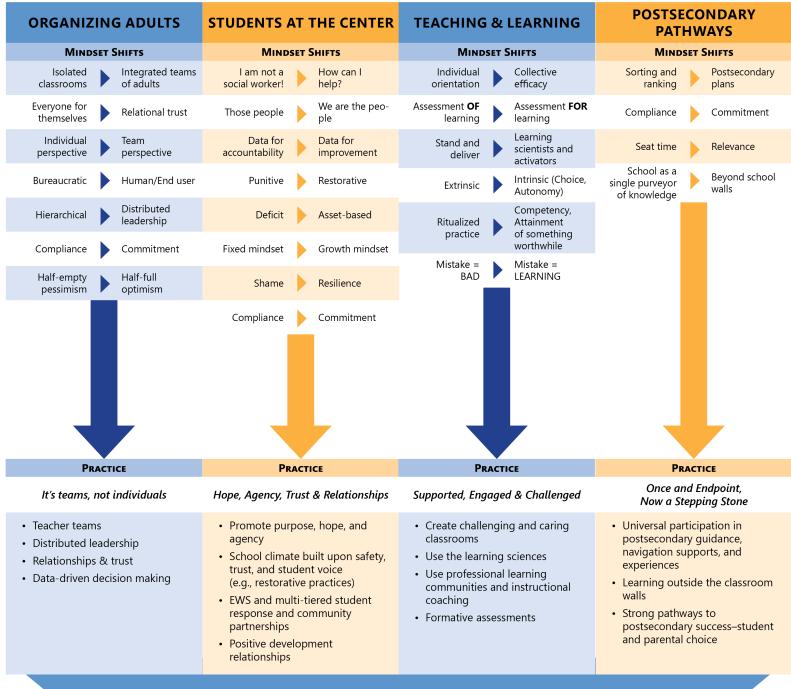
How to embrace the conflict and ambiguity which is inherent in change?

# Redesign Sequence of Events

**Conduct Needs** Learn Introduction to Draft High School Assessments; Planning, Training, **Evidence-Based** High School Redesign Plan and and Capacity Community, Redesign Guiding Redesign Student, and Gather Feedback Building **Drivers** Parental Input



# **Shifting to Evidence-Based Practices**



Redesign High Schools to Support Their Communities in the 21st Century.



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# Who Are We Designing For? Student Profiles

9th Grade Student 1	
9th Grade Student 2	
9th Grade Student 3	
9th Grade Student 4	

# Who Are We Designing For? Student Profiles

12th Grade Student 1	
12th Grade Student 2	
12th Grade Student 2	
12th Grade Student 3	
12th Grade Student 4	

# Who Are We Designing For? Demographic Information

Use your school's data to help guide your redesign. We've started off with some basic questions to help guide your team through this section. Feel free to add any data points to the ones provided.

- Who are the students in our school?
- Who are our entering ninth graders?
- Where do our graduates go?
- Who is in our community

Enrollment		
Grade 9 Enrollment	% Economically Disadvantaged	
Grade 10 Enrollment	% Caucasian	
Grade 11 Enrollment	% African American	
Grade 12 Enrollment	% Hispanic	
% Free/Reduced Lunch	% Native American	
% English Language Learners	% Asian/Pacific Islander	
% Special Education	% Other:	
Additional Data		
Principal Tenure and Circumstances	ADA	
Number of Teachers	Average ACT/SAT Score	
Number of Staff Total	ISS Rate	
Number of 1st Year Teachers	OSS Rate	
School Wide Tardiness Rate	Expulsion Rate	
Chronic Absentee Rate	Current Significant Partners	
State Assessment Outcomes	Youth & Social Service agencies	
	After school programs/initiaitives	
	• Internships	
	Non-profit partnerships	



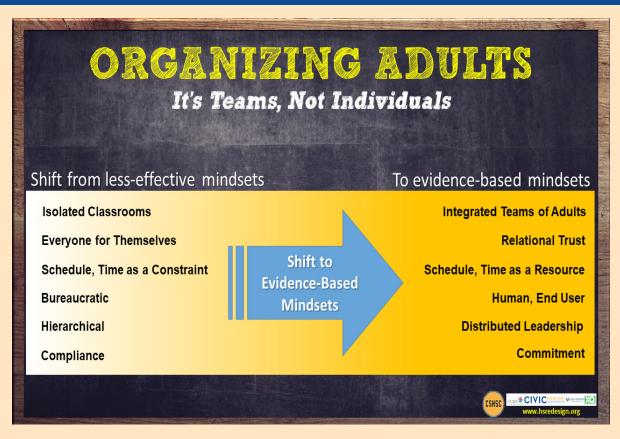
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# Who Are We Designing For? Demographic Information

Who are our entering ninth graders	?	
8th Grade Attendance Rate	Suspension Rate	
GPA	Test Scores	
Overage for Grade		
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Where do our graduates go?		
Postsecondary	Military	
• Two-year College	Employment	
Four-year College		
Who is in our community?		
Significant Employers	Significant Non-Profits	
Significant Grass Roots Organizations	What is the closest higher-learning institution?	
How far away is the closest higher-learning institution?		

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# Who Are We Designing For? Community Feedback on Redesign



#### **Guiding Redesign Questions**

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Below are some guiding questions that may support your team in identifying evidence-based strategies to shape your developing high school redesign plan.

- How might we build on the current strengths and talents of our staff?
- How might we develop strong relationships between teachers and between teachers and administrators?
- How might we support the ongoing development of teachers?
- How might we create a culture of data-driven decision making and make the data needed for sound decisions widely available?
- How might we ensure teachers and others have time to plan collaboratively?
- How might we form interdisciplinary teams of adults?
- How might we create a school master schedule that supports our redesign and enables the implementation of evidence-based practices in organizing adults, supporting students, teaching and learning and postsecondary pathways?

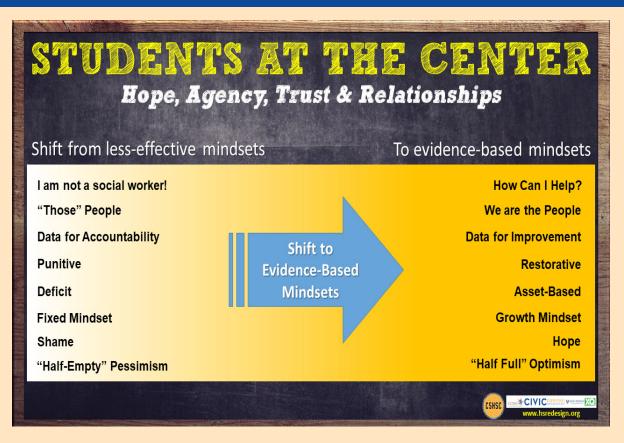
<b>Evidence-Based Practice Teacher Teams: Interdis</b>	ciplinary, working with cohorts of student	ts
Areas of Strength		STRATEGIES
Mindset Challenges		
Big Idea to Explore with Stakeholders		
<b>Evidence-Based Practice Distributed Leadership:</b>	Staff play multiple role and decision mak	ing is dispersed
Areas of Strength		STRATEGIES
Mindset Challenges		
Big Idea to Explore with Stakeholders		

<b>Evidence-Based Practice Leadership Developmen</b>	t: Opportunities and pathways for teache	er leadership
Areas of Strength		STRATEGIES
Mindset Challenges		
Big Idea to Explore with Stakeholders		
<b>Evidence-Based Practice Relationships and Trust:</b>	Strong relationships between teachers a	nd administration
Areas of Strength		STRATEGIES
Mindset Challenges		
Big Idea to Explore with Stakeholders		11

Evidence-Based Practice  Data Driven Decision Making: Real-time, predictive data about students being used to make team intervention decisions and drive school-wide decisions and priorities			
Areas of Strength		STRATEGIES	
Mindset Challenges			
Big Idea to Explore with Stakeholders			
Notes, Questions & Wo	onderings:		



### STUDENTS AT THE CENTER



#### **Guiding Redesign Questions**

Below are some guiding questions that may support your team in identifying evidence-based strategies to shape your developing high school redesign plan.

- How might we make room for and listen to student voice in our redesign efforts?
- How might we create a school environment which supports the development of positive relationships between students and students, students and staff?
- How might we develop and then sustain structures and that recognize/celebrate students and staff?
- How might we assign/schedule students so they can be known by the adults in our school?
- How might we shape student experiences to enable them to experience hope, agency, and purpose?
- How might we embrace Restorative Practices?

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- How might we learn how to balance student choice and voice with structure and support?
- How might we adapt and improve our existing student support strategies to create a
  powerful early warning and multi-tiered support system that continually monitors all
  students progress and keeps them on track to postsecondary success?

<b>Evidence-Based Practice</b>		
Positive developmental	relationships with adults	STRATEGIES
Areas of Strength		
Mindset Challenges		
Big Idea to Explore with Stakeholders		
<b>Evidence-Based Practice Early Warning and mult</b>	i-tiered student response systems and con	nmunity supports
	. ,	STRATEGIES
Areas of Strength		
Mindset Challenges		
Big Idea to Explore		
with Stakeholders 14		

<b>Evidence-Based Practice Building hope, agency, a</b>		
Areas of Strength		STRATEGIES
Mindset Challenges		
Big Idea to Explore with Stakeholders		
<b>Evidence-Based Practice School climate built upo</b>	on safety, trust, and student voice (e.g., us	e restorative practices)
Areas of Strength		STRATEGIES
Mindset Challenges		
Big Idea to Explore with Stakeholders		15

Notes, Questions & Wonderings:



## **TEACHING & LEARNING**



#### **Guiding Redesign Questions**

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Below are some guiding questions that may support your team in identifying evidence-based strategies to shape your developing high school redesign plan.

- How might we build adult capacity in our school and community to create learning environments which balance challenging students to achieve at high levels with a sense of caring and support?
- How might we shift from instructional practices to learning sciences informed practices?
- How might we begin to balance the three "R's" (rigor, relevance and relationships) to create challenging and caring classrooms?
- How might we change our perception from "learning enough to pass and mistakes are bad" to "mistakes are how we learn on the path to competency-based achievement."
- How might we build a formative assessment culture to tailor instruction and supports?
- How might we provide professional development supports and skill-building opportunities necessary to teach today's learners and to empower them for the future?

use standards-aligned u	Create challenging & caring classroom nits of instruction for each subject and gragement and providing student supports	ade level, while
Areas of Strength		STRATEGIES
Mindset Challenges		
Big Idea to Explore with Stakeholders		
<b>Evidence-Based Practice Use the learning science</b>		
Areas of Strength		STRATEGIES
Mindset Challenges		
Big Idea to Explore with Stakeholders		

<b>Evidence-Based Practice Use professional learnin</b>	g communities (PLCs) and instructional co	paching
Areas of Strength		STRATEGIES
Mindset Challenges		
Big Idea to Explore with Stakeholders		
<b>Evidence-Based Practice Formative assessments</b>		
Areas of Strength		STRATEGIES
Mindset Challenges		
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## **POSTSECONDARY PATHWAYS**



#### **Guiding Redesign Questions**

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Below are some guiding questions that may support your team in identifying evidence-based strategies to shape your developing high school redesign plan.

- How might we create opportunities for work-based learning, job shadowing, and internships at the scale needed?
- How might we assess student competencies?
- How might we support ongoing college and career planning programming that starts in freshman year, including family awareness/communication, and college admissions counseling?
- How might we think about career pathways and personalized postsecondary journeys for students?
- How might we incorporate student/family voice and choice in postsecondary planning?
- How might we provide rich universal school experiences (electives, extra-curricular activities, etc.) for all students?

Choice of pathway is up	to student and family. Universal participa	tion for access for all
Areas of Strength		STRATEGIES
Mindset Challenges		
Big Idea to Explore with Stakeholders		
<b>Evidence-Based Practice All students are support</b>	ed to complete a comprehensive plan afte	er high school
Areas of Strength		STRATEGIES
Mindset Challenges		
Big Idea to Explore with Stakeholders 22		

<b>Evidence-Based Practice</b>		
Integration of technical and academic content. Integrating academic content into our CTE courses and career concepts in our academic courses		
Areas of Strength		STRATEGIES
Mindset Challenges		
Big Idea to Explore with Stakeholders		
Evidence-Based Practice  Dual enrollment/Early College/AP-IB; ability to earn credit in a college or career technical certification program		
Areas of Strength		STRATEGIES
Mindset Challenges		
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