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Redesign a School with a District-Designed Blended Learning Model

What Is a Redesign and How Does It Work?



An entrepreneurial school leader redesigns and implements a whole-school plan that better meets student needs. The school must create an Effective Schools Framework-aligned model that includes blended learning and high-quality instructional materials, addresses mental health and social resilience, and provides high-dosage tutoring and an extended school day/year.

Why Redesign a School?

- Generate **innovative options** to meet targeted needs of specific student groups
- Give **entrepreneurial leaders** the opportunity to design a more effective and holistic school model
- Launch a customized approach that can **serve as a model for other campuses** in the district
- Redesigns have an **evidence-based track record of success** at improving outcomes

What Does A Successful Redesign Process Look Like?



An existing neighborhood school is transformed through a **community driven process** to provide a high quality option that meets student and family needs



A new model is designed, developed and implemented through a **continuous improvement** process



Additional resources and funding are offered to support new model development and implementation.



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How to Plan and Implement this Action Type

1) Identify the Needs

- Engage with families and students to understand their experiences, aspirations, and needs
- Create a process for selecting the approach that meets the school community's needs**
- Establish a communications and engagement plan

2) Create a Plan

- Identify or support an existing entrepreneurial school leader
- Create a design team that includes key stakeholders (leadership, students, families, teachers) who are engaged and informed
- Ensure the leader and design team have the capacity and time to lead a redesign process

3) Design a New Model

- Explore future trends, empirical research, and existing models
- Develop a reimaged school vision and graduate profile that outlines the habits, skills, and mindsets young people will exemplify upon graduation
- Develop an **ESF-aligned School Design Blueprint** that captures a holistic student experience, including: blended learning, social emotional learning, high dosage tutoring, extended school day/year, and high quality instructional materials
- Pilot new practices and refine the model
- Create tools and resources to prepare educators to implement the new model
- Gain stakeholder and board approval for the new model

4) Launch New Model

- Implement the new, **ESF-aligned model**
- Continue to pilot new practices and refine the design
- Conduct professional development aligned to the new model
- If applicable, apply for School Action Fund Continuation Funding