



SYMPOSIUM BREAKOUT SESSION  
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# From Standards-Based to Competency-Based Learning: One District's PK-12 Story

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# LIBERTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS AT A GLANCE



**12,494**  
STUDENTS K-12  
**249**  
STUDENTS PRE-K

**DISTRICT/COUNTY MAP**  
11 ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS  
4 MIDDLE SCHOOLS  
2 HIGH SCHOOLS  
1 ALTERNATIVE HIGH SCHOOL  
1 CHARTER PRIVATE CENTER



**WHERE OUR STUDENTS RESIDE**  
(BY HOME ADDRESS)



**91** BUSES TRANSPORTED DAILY  
**6,700** STUDENTS  
**947,000** MILES TRAVELED EACH YEAR

**OUR TEAM**



**1,811** STAFF MEMBERS  
**937** CERTIFIED TEACHERS, CLASSROOM \$10  
**795** CLASSIFIED (SUBSTITUTES, BUS DRIVERS, CLERK, ETC.)  
AVERAGE TEACHER'S SALARY **\$55,436**

**STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS**



**1.2 MIL+** LUNCHES SERVED ANNUALLY  
**7,000** LUNCHES SERVED DAILY

LPS EDUCATES 257 STUDENTS FROM 31 DIFFERENT COUNTRIES THAT SPEAK 33 DIFFERENT LANGUAGES

**94%** GRADUATION RATE  
**.8%** DROP OUT RATE

**78%** OF OUR GRADUATES ATTEND A 2-4 YR COLLEGE

**BUDGET**  
OVERALL LPS BUDGET **\$182.9 MILLION**  
OPERATING BUDGET **\$142 MILLION**  
REVENUE SOURCES  
LOCAL **\$52.4 MILLION**  
STATE **\$44.5 MILLION**  
FEDERAL **\$4.7 MILLION**  
AVERAGE ANNUAL COST PER STUDENT **\$9,353**

## PROGRAMS & ACHIEVEMENTS

**Light Promise**  
LPS is a current member of the League of Innovative Schools. We are one of only 14 districts across the country given this designation. Such schools are selected based on leadership, evidence of results, innovative vision for learning, and commitment to collaboration.

**Advanced Nation Accredited**  
Received Advanced Nation Accreditation in April 2017, which validated the district was among the best in the state, region and nation.

**Marshall in partnership with the Best Connections for Music Education Foundation**  
For outstanding commitment to music education, it is awarded to districts that demonstrate outstanding achievement of efforts to provide music education to all students.

**STEAM**  
With a focus on Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics, STEAM initiatives at LPS include K-12 participation in Project Lead the Way (PLTW), internships and experiential activities, and partnerships that provide students with the opportunity to solve real-world problems.

**At LPS, all students have access to personal computing devices that serve as both school and personal tools to facilitate learning.**  
In grades K-5, students have iPads. In grades 6-7, students have Chromebooks and in grades 8-12, students have MacBooks. Kids.

**PLTW**  
In grades K-5, PLTW is the PLTW (Project Lead the Way) programming that brings STEAM to the classroom. There are also opportunities for more in-depth courses in specialized coursework at the secondary level.

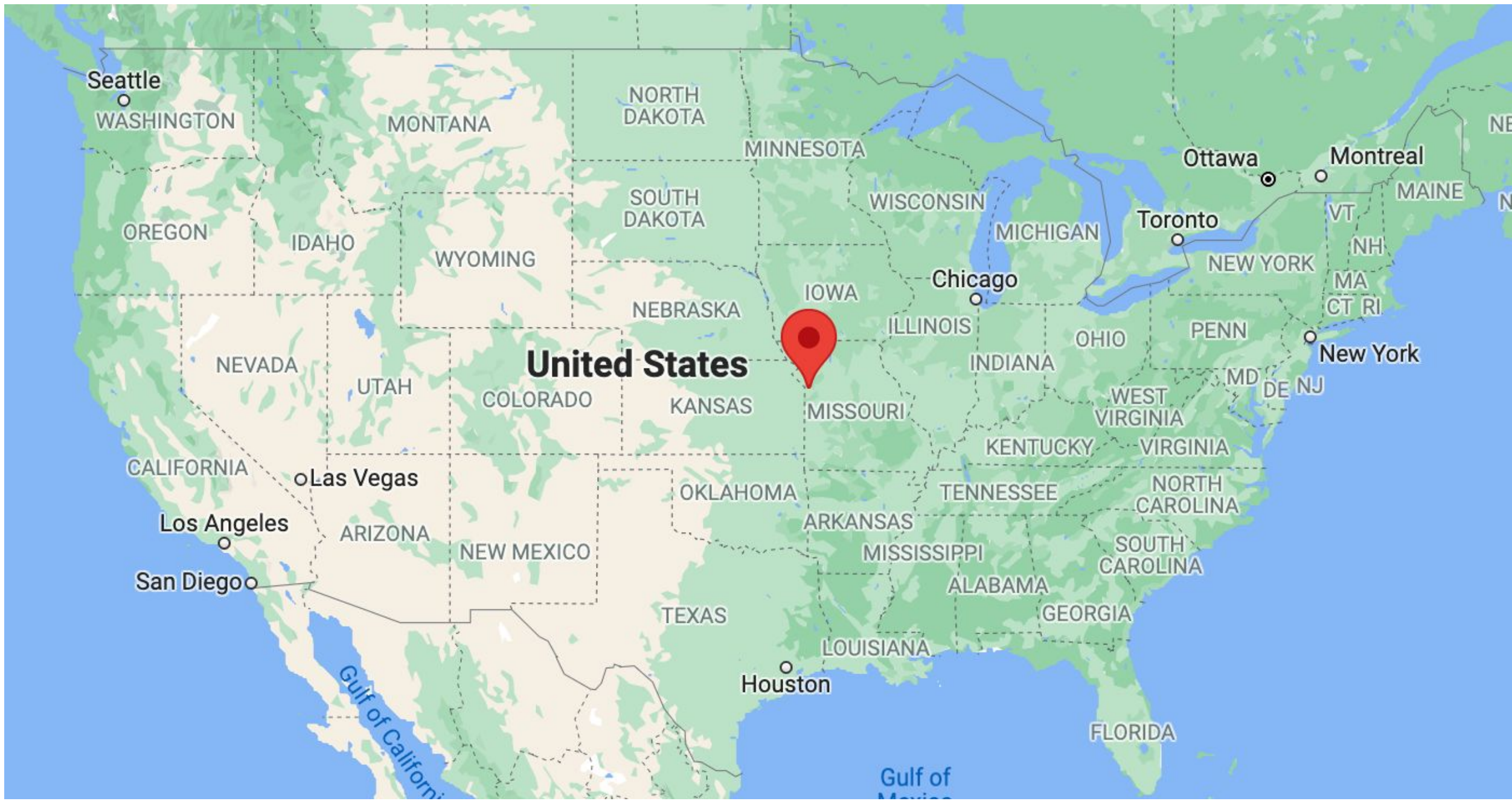
**CAPS**  
The Northland Center for Advanced Professional Studies offers students the opportunity to engage in real-world experiences in the workplace with outstanding mentorship and program instruction.

**Home to the 2019 Missouri Superintendent of the Year**  
Dr. Jeremy Tucker | Presented by the Missouri Association of School Administrators.

**FC Tech Academy**  
This program launched in the summer of 2016 and offers a two-year training program for high school students to earn a high school diploma and certification in manufacturing technology, automation, and robotics.  
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Academic

Cultural

Personal

Professional

Entrepreneurial



The poster is a collage of images showing students in various settings: a student working on a laptop, a group of students in a classroom, and students in a workshop. The text is arranged in a grid-like fashion, with the title at the top, the central theme in the middle, and the four domains on the sides. The Liberty Public Schools logo is at the bottom right.

**THRIVE**

**LIBERTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
GRADUATE PROFILE

EVERY STUDENT *will:*

**ACADEMIC**  
Apply skills attained from literacy, mathematics, humanities, sciences, technology, the arts and physical education across a variety of contexts in meaningful ways.  
Critical Thinker | Analytical | Curious | Problem Solver | Goal Oriented

**CULTURAL**  
Interact, work, and develop authentic relationships with people from diverse cultural backgrounds with respect for all unique beliefs, customs, and perspectives.  
Empathetic | Active Listener | Civically Engaged | Culturally and Globally Aware

**PERSONAL**  
Cultivate a deep understanding of self and the ability to leverage strengths, while recognizing and addressing areas of needed growth.  
Reflective | Learner | Leads with Integrity | Financially Literate | Manages Well-Being

**PROFESSIONAL**  
Engage and contribute to a work environment in a professional manner, equipped with necessary skills to succeed.  
Collaborative | Effective Communicator | Self-Directed | Resourceful | Dependable

**ENTREPRENEURIAL**  
Recognize opportunities for success while applying divergent thinking and bias toward action to their work.  
Creative | Values Networks | Strategic | Adaptable | Perseveres

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SEPTEMBER 2019



# Where are you in Competency-Based Learning?

Let's figure this out with a Zoom Poll...





# ZOOM POLL



*Let's make this personal...*

“

What is one question you  
would like answered today?

Let's chat...



## Why are we here?

- Network
- Transparency
- Tell our story
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Build a coalition of learners who are in the learning pit in respect to competency and are looking for thought partners to help with the journey.





# Igniting Sparks

## **COVID**

- Parent Communication
- Essential Learning
- Grades quandary
- Learner engagement
- Highlighted inequities

## **COMPLIANCE**

- Assignments vs Learning
- Frustrated parents
- Technology complications
- Is this for a grade?

# Enabling Conditions

## ★ Identified Core Practices

- Relationships
- Personalized learning
- Growth Mindset
- Learner Agency
- Data Informed

## ★ Focused Strategic Plan

## ★ Growth Mindsets

- Coaching
- OER
- Leadership Support - district & building level

## ★ Professional Learning

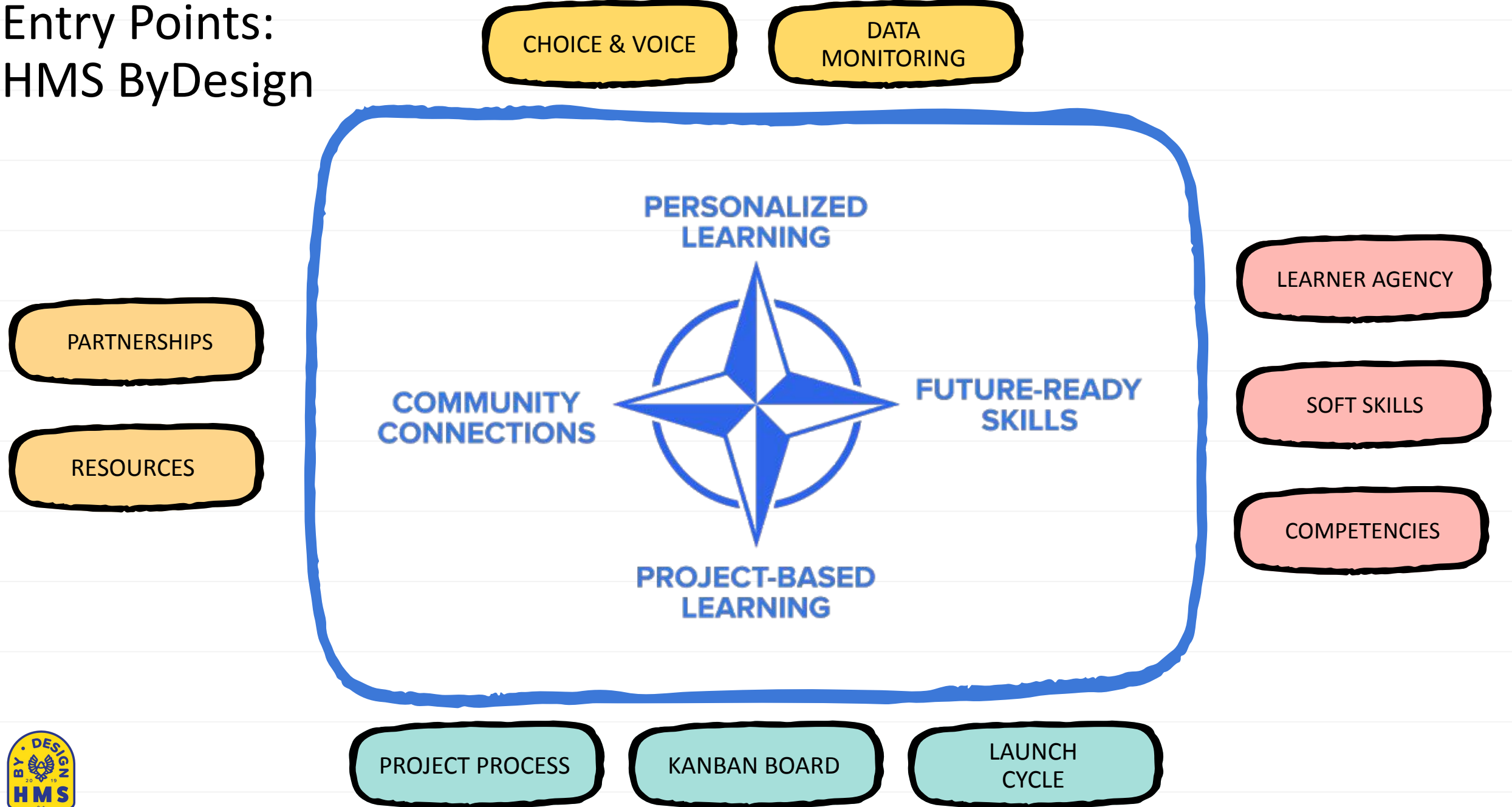
- Project-based Learning
- Visible Learning
  - Learner Dispositions
  - Feedback
  - Assessment Capable
- Learner Centered Innovations
  - Elementary Proficiency Learning
  - HMS by Design
  - LNHS by Design
  - Pilot middle level to competency learning through innovative configurations
  - Edge MicroSchool





**ENTRY POINTS**  
**one-by-one**

# Entry Points: HMS ByDesign





	Math			Social Studies		ELA		Science		PE		FLEX	
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Agreeable Sharks	MATH			ELA	SCI	SS	PE			FLEX			FLEX
Agreeable Whales	MATH			SS	ELA	SCI	PE			FLEX			FLEX
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Brave Barracudas	PE			SCI	SS	ELA	MATH			FLEX			FLEX
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Cooperative Clownfish	FLEX			MATH			SS	ELA	SCI	PE			FLEX
Cooperative Jellyfish	FLEX			MATH			SCI	SS	ELA	PE			FLEX
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# LEARNING JOURNAL

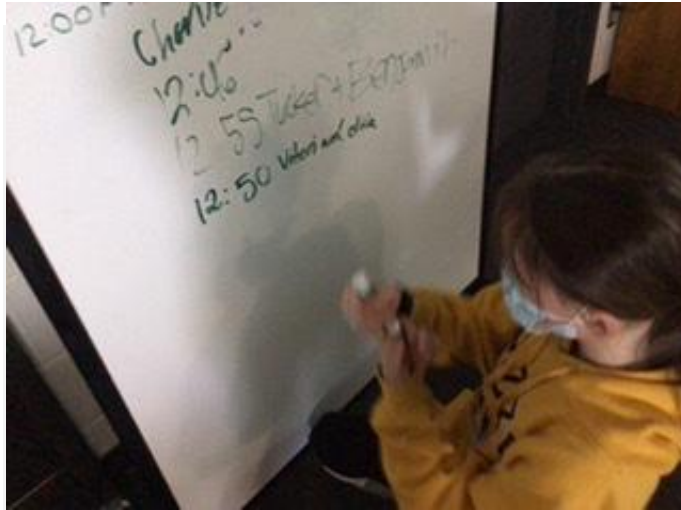


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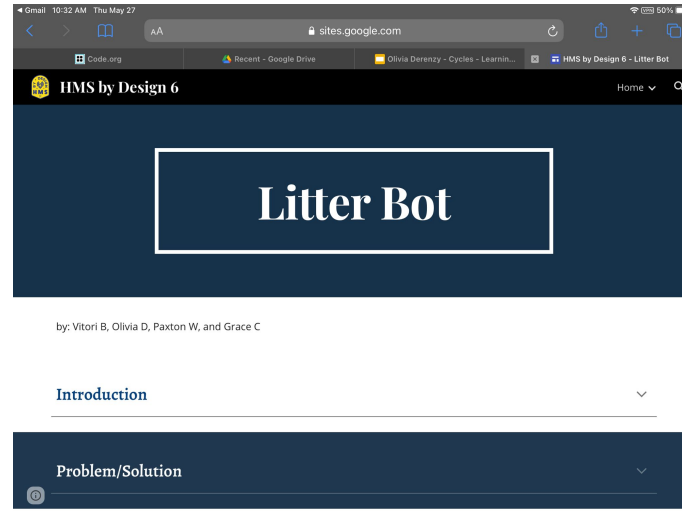


# PROBLEM SOLVING

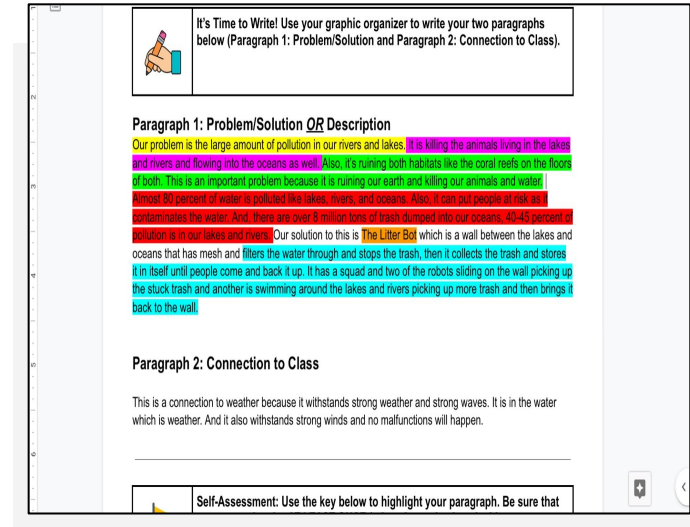
# This is what I'm doing.



Our escape room because if we got a clue wrong we had to figure out how it should be.



When our website was not working we fixed it and made it better. We also finished it just in time.



This is problem solving because we had to add more details and we had to change ideas multiple times.

Developing



Proficient

# Report to Parents & Students

## HMS by Design Progress Report -- May 27, 2021

Student: [REDACTED]

Cohort: [REDACTED]

Report Updated: May 27, 2021

Indicators	
<b>P</b>	<b>Proficient</b> - Students are demonstrating grade-level understanding of the concept.
<b>IP</b>	<b>In Progress</b> - Students are in the process of working towards proficiency in the concept.
<b>IE</b>	<b>Insufficient Evidence</b> - Students have provided evidence but it has not shown an understanding of the concept.
<b>NE</b>	<b>No Evidence</b> - Students have not provided evidence towards understanding the concept.

Key	
Current Standard	Previously Assessed



English Language Arts	
RI/RL 6.1.D - Explain the central/main idea(s) and theme(s) of a text and cite evidence of its development; summarize the text.	P
Success Criteria 1: I can determine the central idea based on evidence of a text.	P
Success Criteria 2: I can create a summary free of personal opinion with any genre of text.	P
Success Criteria 3: I can determine the theme of a text.	P
6.W.3 - Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.	P
W.6.2.A.B: Expository: Develop informative/explanatory writing to examine a topic with relevant facts, examples, and details.	P
RL/RI 6.1.B: Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in the text, including figurative and connotative meanings	P
W.6.2.A.A: Narrative: Develop narratives including poems about real or imagined experiences with clearly identified characters, well-structured event sequences, narrative techniques, and relevant descriptive details	P

Social Studies	
Analyze scientific, technological, intellectual, and artistic advancements to determine the legacy of classical civilizations.	P
I can make connections between advancements and ancient civilizations.	P
I can analyze advancements from the past to the present.	P
I can design and share my own innovation and its impact on the future.	P
Analyze direct democracy and representative democracy in order to apply the concepts of majority rule, minority rights, and civic duty.	P

Science	
ESS2.C.3 Develop and use a model to describe how unequal heating and rotation of the Earth cause patterns of atmospheric and oceanic circulation that determine climates.	P
I can create a model showing all parts of the water cycle and explain all parts of the water cycle and the state the water is in at each stage.	P

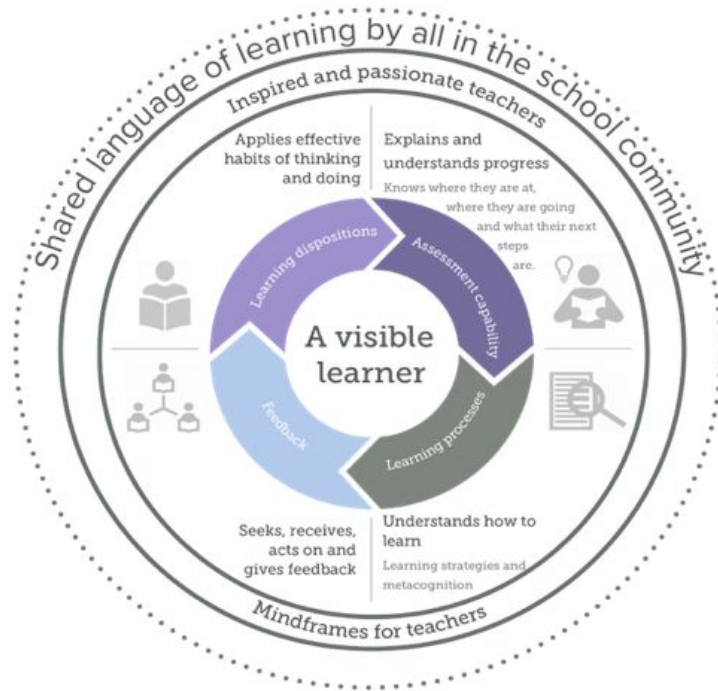
## HMS by Design Competencies

[Portfolio Link](#)

<b>Creator</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Evaluate and adapt ideas to make and realize personal plans</li> <li>Seeks inspiration for creative and innovative ideas</li> <li>Demonstrates ingenuity and resourcefulness when designing or adapting investigations or models</li> <li>Create opportunities or products to inform, persuade or inspire action on issues</li> </ul>	<b>Student Reflection</b> <p>I have been a creator this year by showing work in creative ways. Like making the tree animated. Also our protocol types. We had to come up with a problem that is important in your life, but something that's not already invented.</p>
<b>Problem Solver</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recognizes that solutions to problems can create new challenges and may require alternative solutions.</li> <li>Employ a variety of strategies to solve problems with flexibility and perseverance.</li> <li>Assess choices in order to select course of action</li> <li>Activate background knowledge, information or resources to seek clarification or enhance comprehension</li> </ul>	<b>Student Reflection</b> <p>I have been a problem solver this year by solving problems. Some things that we had to solve are the 15 minute challenge. We were given a problem and we had to come up with 5 objects that we could use to solve our problem.</p>
<b>Collaborator</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consider needs, points of view or perspectives when setting and working towards common goals</li> <li>Create positive group environments through active listening, social awareness and willingness to help others.</li> <li>Offer constructive suggestions or ideas when collaboratively engaging.</li> </ul>	<b>Student Reflection</b> <p>I have collaborated this year by collaborating with my peers. In ELA we had to collaborate with our group and figure out what we wanted to put on the website. We also had to revise and edit each other's writing to make sure it was clear for everyone to read.</p>
<b>Critical Thinker</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Generate questions, make inferences or confirm prediction</li> <li>Use relevant criteria to evaluate data, claims, theories, or statements.</li> <li>Demonstrate honesty and open-mindedness when making decisions</li> <li>Distinguish fact from opinion to identify bias in sources</li> </ul>	<b>Student Reflection</b> <p>I had to critically think this year by really thinking outside the box on what I should put. In P.E we had to come up with a game/warm up that connected to our P.E skills. If we wanted to, we could have presented it to the class. If you Present it to the class you really have to think about what you need to say so it makes sense.</p>

# Entry Points: DMS

## Spring 2020: Teacher Reflection and Choice- Visible Learning



## 2020-21 School Year: Sustained PD with Small Group Instruction

Assessment Capable	Feedback
<b>Meeting 1:</b> 9.23 and 9.30	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Flowchart</a></li><li>• <a href="#">Corwin Handout</a></li><li>• <a href="#">Review Teacher VL Success Criteria</a></li><li>• Complete <a href="#">Google Form</a></li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Feedback Session 1</a></li><li>• <a href="#">How do you build trust in classroom?</a></li><li>• <a href="#">Review Teacher VL Success Criteria</a></li><li>• <a href="#">Complete Google Form</a></li></ul>
<b>Meeting 2:</b> 10.14 and 10.28	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Presentation Slides</a></li><li>• <a href="#">Success Criteria for SC/LI</a></li><li>• Discuss Big Picture (global) SC<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ <a href="#">DESE Draft Standards</a></li></ul></li><li>• <a href="#">Review LI, SC examples by content</a></li><li>• Assess or develop LI and SC for the provided example or of an upcoming unit</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Feedback Week 2</a></li><li>• Review trust</li><li>• Types of Feedback</li><li>• Watch <a href="#">Creating a Culture of Critique</a></li></ul>
<b>Meeting 3:</b> 11.11 and 11.18	



# Entry Points: DMS

## 2020-21 2nd Semester: Pilot Teachers

Competency 1: Evaluation of Information						Competency 2: Problem Solving						Competency 3: Communicating Ideas			
Pathway 1 Asking Questions and Defining Problems		Pathway 2 Developing and Using Models		Pathway 3 Analyzing and Interpreting Data		Pathway 4 Planning and Carrying out Investigations		Pathway 5 Using Mathematics and Computational Thinking		Pathway 6 Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions		Pathway 7 Engaging in Argument From Evidence		Pathway 8 Obtaining, Evaluating, and Communicating Information	
Missouri Learning Standards	NGSS Standard	Missouri Learning Standards	NGSS Standard	Missouri Learning Standards	NGSS Standard	Missouri Learning Standards	NGSS Standard	Missouri Learning Standards	NGSS Standard	Missouri Learning Standards	NGSS Standard	Missouri Learning Standards	NGSS Standard	Missouri Learning Standards	NGSS Standard
PS2.B.1 PS2.B.2	MS-PS2-3 Motion and Stability: Forces and Interactions	PS1.A.1	MS-PS1-1 Matter and its Interactions	PS1.A.2	MS-PS1-2 Matter and its Interactions	PS2.A.2	MS-PS2-2 Motion and Stability: Forces and Interactions	PS4.A.1	MS-PS4-1 Waves and their Applications in Technologies for Information Transfer	PS1.B.2	MS-PS1-6 Matter and its Interactions	PS2.B.1	MS-PS2-3 Motion and Stability: Forces and Interactions	PS1.A.3	MS-PS1-3 Matter and its Interactions

P = Proficient, I = In Progress, IE= Insufficient Evidence, NE = No Evidence, NB- Not Begun Yet															
Competency 1: Evaluation of Information						Competency 2: Problem Solving						Competency 3: Communicating Ideas			
Pathway 2 Developing and Using Models			Pathway 3 Analyzing and Interpreting Data			Pathway 6 Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions			Pathway 7 Engaging in Argument From Evidence						
I can use an already existing model to describe how things work.			I can analyze the reasonableness of the data.			I can construct explanations supported by multiple sources of evidence.			I can construct a convincing argument that supports or refutes or solutions about the natural world.						
P	I	IE	NE	NB		P	I	IE	NE	NB		P	I	IE	NE
I can develop a model to describe how things work.			I can distinguish between connections and cause/effect.			I can design solutions supported by multiple sources of evidence.			I can construct a convincing argument that supports or refutes or solutions about the designed world.						
P	I	IE	NE	NB		P	I	IE	NE	NB		P	I	IE	NE
Content Knowledge			I can identify errors in the data or in charts and graphs.			I can engage in the design cycle to construct and/or implement a solution.			I can use oral argument, supported by evidence, to support or refute a model for a phenomena.						
ESS 2A1- I can develop and use a model to illustrate how Earth's surface changes due to interior movement.															
			P	I	IE	NE	NB		P	I	IE	NE	NB		
S- I can describe (based on evidence) how energy affects Earth's interior.			I can analyze and interpret data to determine			I can ensure design solutions meet specific criteria and			I can use written argument, supported by evidence, to support or						

### What if you knew you couldn't fail?

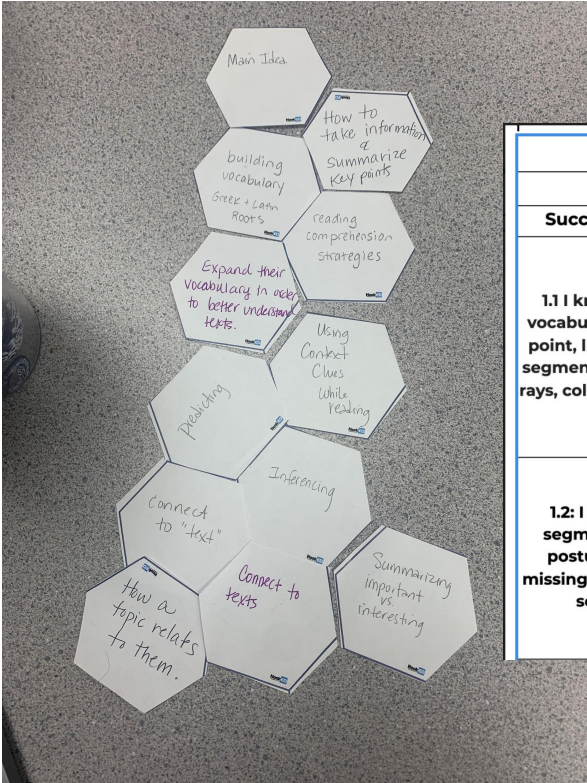
“It would allow me to work on things I'm not very good at or comfortable with. I get a thrill out of trying new things but knowing that it's ok to try and fail is great. “

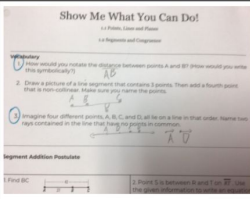
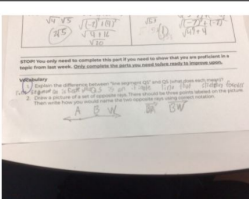
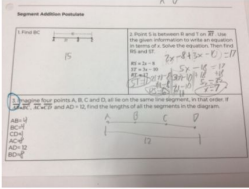
“If I knew I couldn't fail on my grade I would do a couple of things differently. First, I would probably end up taking a few more risks on assignments.”

# Entry Points: DMS

2021-22 School Year:  
Innovative Initiative/Humanities

2021-22 School Year:  
CBL Opt-In



Chapter 1: Basics of Geometry			
Learning Intention: I have mastered the basic fundamentals of geometry			
Success Criteria	I'm struggling	I'm Close	I've got it!
1.1 I know relevant vocabulary including: point, line, plane, line segment, ray, opposite rays, collinear, coplanar			<div>Insert picture of evidence here</div>
1.2: I can use the segment addition postulate to find missing lengths of line segments	<div>Insert picture of evidence here</div>		<div>Insert picture of evidence here</div>

Competency	Success Criteria	Student Evidence (Link)	Student Reflection
Critical Thinking	I can consider how decisions or actions influence society. ( <i>Federal Holiday Project Reflection Writing Prompt</i> )		
	I can explain how my evidence supports my opinion. ( <i>Research Graphic Organizer</i> )	<a href="#">Graphic Organizer</a>	I think I'm "Proficient" because I know how to provide evidence to support my thoughts. My evidence shows this because I feel like they are well explained and well organized.
Problem Solving	I can provide evidence to support my thoughts. ( <i>Research Graphic Organizer</i> )	<a href="#">Graphic organizer</a>	I think I'm "In-Progress" because I could have probably found more quotes etc. I think I'm at this level because I know that I could have found more quotes to support my argument. I also think that a couple pieces of my evidence don't support my argument very well.



# Entry Points: SVMS

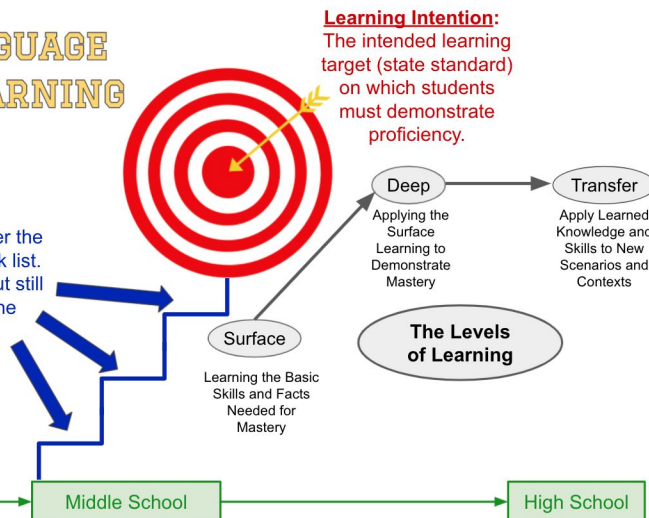
Where am I going?

How am I doing?

Where do I go next?

## LEARNING LANGUAGE FOR VISIBLE LEARNING

**Success Criteria:**  
Steps to help students master the learning intention. Not a task list. Some kids may skip stairs but still demonstrate mastery of the learning intention.



**Learning Progressions:** Similar skills/standards that get more difficult as student progresses through school.

# Visible Learning

## The Learning Pit:

Shows kids the stages of learning. Helps them know that feeling stuck isn't a bad thing.



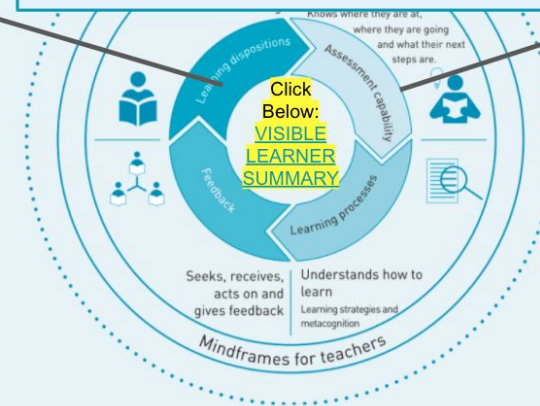
## Our Eagle P.I.C.S.

They teach kids the skills that good learners use to get out of the pit and what to do when learning is difficult.



**Visible Learning**  
is shifting the focus from what teachers are teaching to what students are learning.

Answers:  
What am I learning?  
How am I doing?  
Where to next?



## Kid Friendly Learning Intentions and Success Criteria:

What do I need to learn?  
Where to next?"  
Post them, refer to them, make sure activities/lessons revolve around them. Let kids see them for the whole unit.

## Tracking Learning:

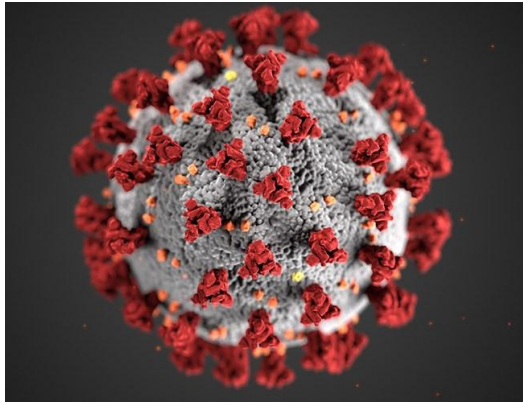
How am I doing?  
Where to next?  
Let kids know if they are getting it or not and allow kids to self assess if they feel like they are getting it or not.

- Thumbs up, down, sideways.
- Rate yourself on a scale.
- Exit slips.
- Class work.
- Tracking sheets, forms, etc.





# Entry Points: SVMS



## Emergency Learning: Spring 2020

- Separate compliance from learning.
- Rethink the what and how of measuring learning.
- What would kids do if there were no grades?
- Engagement was higher with PBL's and meaningful work.

## Competency Push: 2020-2021

- Item #1 on Strategic Plan.
- Rethinking teaching and learning.
- Best ways to measure mastery.
- Pilot team who wanted to learn about and shape this initiative.

Liberty Public Schools Strategic Plan 2020/2021						
Plan Number	Vision Area	Vivid Vision Category	Vision Statement	Deliverable	Owner	Due
<a href="#">Plan 1</a>	Learning	Competency-Based Learning	Personalized and competency-based learning opportunities are accessible to all learners across grade levels and content areas.	Published learning competencies in progressions and lexicon of competency-based terminology.	Jeanette Westfall	6/30

## Fall 2021

- Allowed for anyone interested to join the pilot initiative.

# Let's Chat

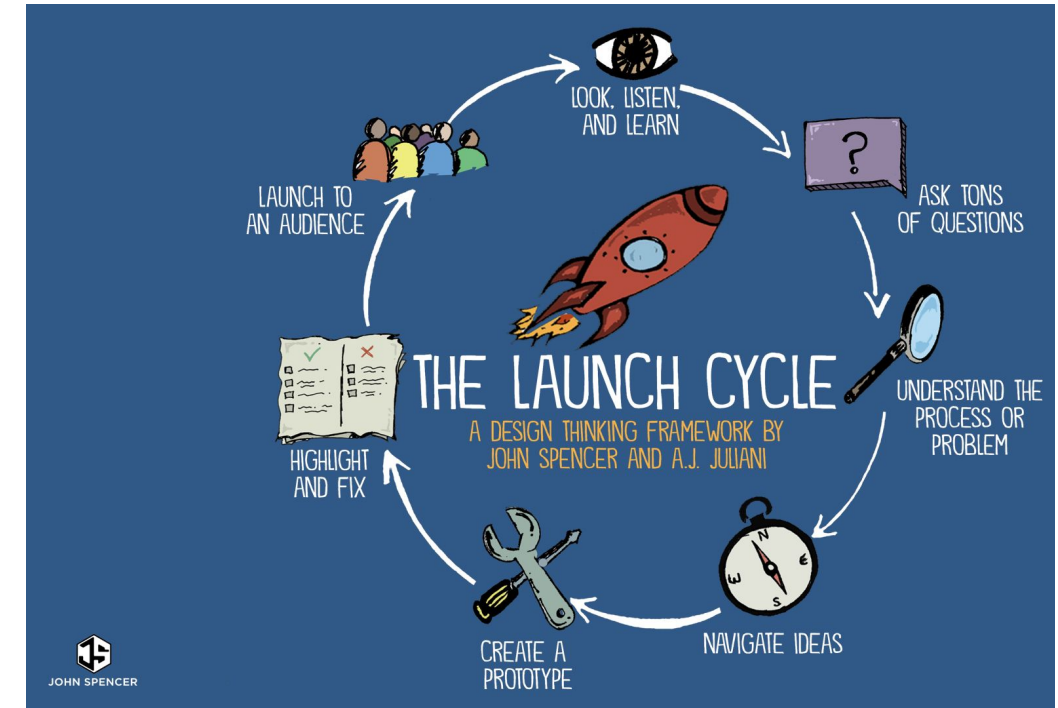
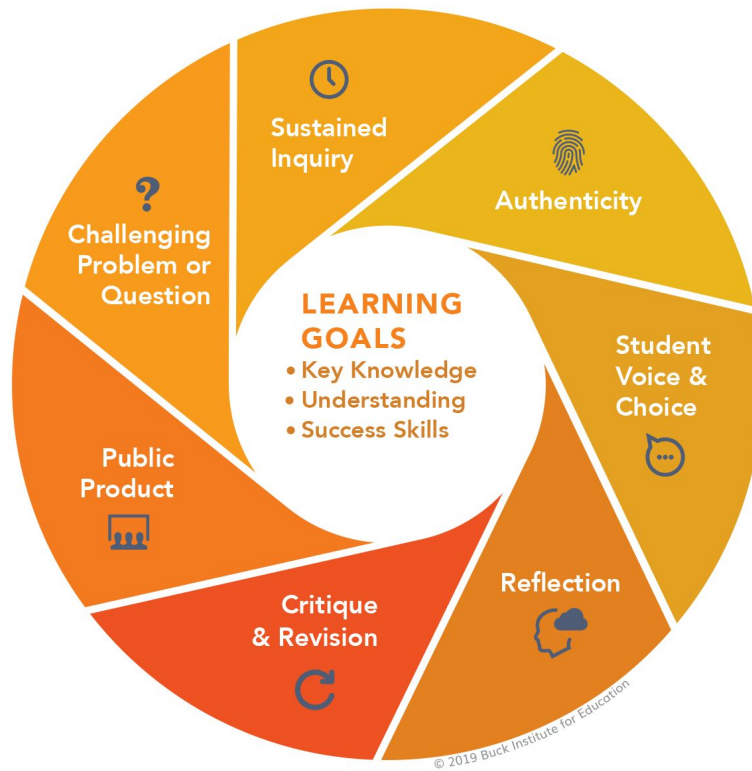
- Name
- School District/State
- Position or Role in your Organization
- Entry Point



# Implementation: HMS

## Gold Standard PBL

Seven Essential Project  
Design Elements



# PBL meets Visible Learning

- Building Clarity
- Building Student Efficacy

## TEMPLATE

Big Concept:				
Project: (Students will show knowledge of the Big Concept by....) *Create a strong project launch.				
ELA	Social Studies	Science	Math	Physical Education
Standards:	Standards:	Standards:	Standards:	
Formative Assessments:	Formative Assessments:	Formative Assessments:	Formative Assessments:	
Week 1: (Links to Daily Slides, Documents, Forms, Videos)				
Week 2:				
Week 3				
Week 4				
Week 5				
Week 6				
What is working?		What needs to change?		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Kids are able to think independently and have a great amount of learner agency.</li></ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Frequent reflection on project Need-to-Knows.</li><li>Checks for understanding over standards.</li></ul>		

**SOCIAL STUDIES**

How can we use our imagination to guide the cycle of innovation?

Empathise Define Ideate Prototype Test

Analyze scientific, technological, intellectual, and artistic advancement to determine the legacy of classical civilizations.

PROBLEM SOLVE - CRITICALLY THINK - COLLABORATE - CREATE

Level 1: I can make connections between advancements and ancient civilizations.		Competencies <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Critical Thinking</li><li>Collaborator</li></ul>
Performance Level	Learning Target	My Evidence (and Dates)
Proficient	I can make connections between advancements and ancient civilizations.	
Making Progress	I can explain historical advancements importance.	
Basics	Name types of advancements.	
Teacher Feedback		

Level 2: I can analyze advancements from the past to the present.		Competencies <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Critical Thinking</li><li>Problem Solver</li></ul>
Performance Level	Learning Target	My Evidence (and Dates)
Proficient	I can analyze the impact historical advancements has both the past and the present.	
Making Progress	I can demonstrate the impact of historical advancements on the present.	

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ HR: \_\_\_\_\_

**SCIENCE.PATHWAY.WEATHER**

**LEVEL 1: THE WATER CYCLE**

Success Criteria 1: I can create a model showing all parts of the water cycle and explain all parts of the water cycle and the state the water is in at each stage.		
Competencies <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Critical Thinking</li><li>Problem Solving</li></ul>		
Performance Level	Learning Target	My Evidence (and Dates)
Proficient	I can predict the next step water would go through in the water cycle, and what impact that will have on the weather in an area.	
Making Progress	I can explain how the parts of the water cycle depend on each other.	
Working on the Basics	I can identify the state of water in each part of the water cycle.	
Teacher Feedback		

**LEVEL 1 CHOICE OF TASKS**

Must complete 3 before taking on the Final Boss

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ CLASS: \_\_\_\_\_

**FINAL BOSS: Quizlet**

EVIDENCE 1	Non-Fiction Text
EVIDENCE 2	Fiction Text
EVIDENCE 3	Student Choice (Social Studies, Health, or Science)

**Skill 1: I can determine the central idea or theme of a text and write an objective summary.**

Competencies		
Performance Level	Learning Target	My Evidence (and Dates)
Advanced	I can determine two or more central ideas in a text and analyze their development by using details from the text.	
Proficient	I can explain how the central idea is supported using details from the text using my own words.	
Making Progress	I can identify key details of a text.	
Working on the Basics	I can identify the logic of a text.	
Teacher Feedback		

**Success Criteria 2: I can create a summary free of personal opinion with any genre of text.**

Competencies		
Performance Level	Learning Target	My Evidence (and Dates)
Advanced	I can provide an objective summary of the text.	
Proficient	I can explain how the central idea is supported using details from the text using my own words.	
Making Progress	I can use my own words to paraphrase the text.	
Working on the Basics	I can include the central idea and key details from the text.	
Teacher Feedback		

**HEALTH/PE PATHWAY**

Skill 1: I will demonstrate the ability to use goal setting skills to enhance health.

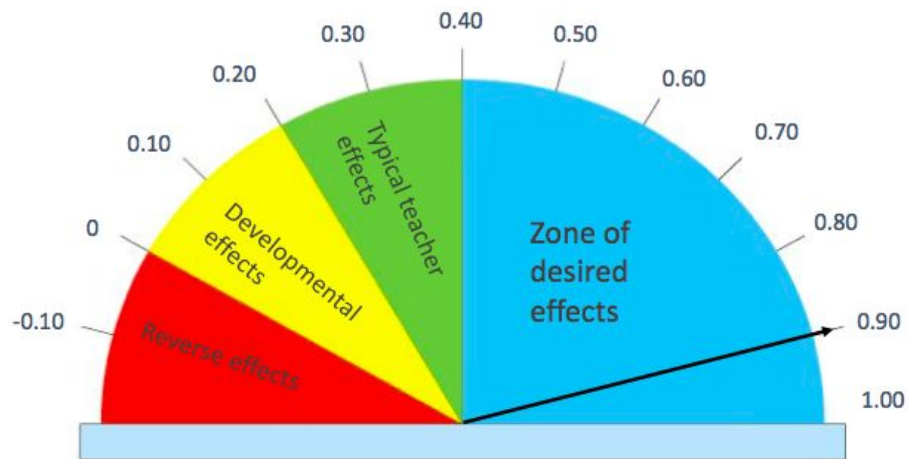
Competencies <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Collaboration</li><li>Problem Solving</li><li>Critical Thinking</li></ul>		Standard <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>53.M1.6: Student sets and monitors a self-selected physical activity goal based on current fitness level.</li></ul>
Performance Level	Learning Target	My Evidence (and Dates)
Proficient	I can check in on and revise my physical activity goal.	
Making Progress	I will create a goal and act on my physical activity goal during PE class.	
Working on the Basics	I can participate in the fitness skill component tests. I can choose a physical activity in which to improve based on the results.	
Teacher Feedback		

Skill 2: I can identify and use the skill components of fitness.

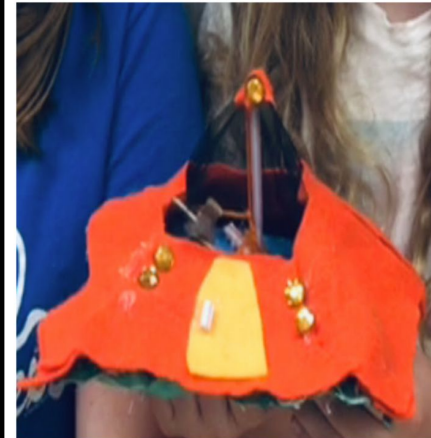
Competencies <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Critical Thinking</li><li>Problem Solving</li><li>Collaboration</li></ul>		Standard <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>53.M1.6: Student is able to identify the components of skill-related fitness.</li><li>53.M2.6: Student participates in a variety of lifetime recreational team sports, outdoor pursuits or dance activities.</li></ul>
Performance Level	Learning Target	My Evidence (and Dates)
Proficient	I can identify and use the 6 skill components of fitness in PE.	
Making Progress	I can identify the skill components of fitness in PE.	
Working on the Basics	I can use the skill components of fitness, with help, in PE.	
Teacher Feedback		

# With CLARITY brings Self-Efficacy

## Self Efficacy



## & Now I'm Here



### In what ways have you critically thought?

I have needed to think about how our solution can fix our problem and how it is made and the materials used.

### In what ways have you problem solved?

I have changed and looked at new information about the flooding problem and how the deaths can be reduce.

### In what ways have you collaborated?

I have worked with a team to create our final invention the Water House. I also worked with a group to create a website and videos about the Water House. Finally, I got feedback on our invention along the way that helped us change it for the better.

### In what ways have you created?

I have made a prototype with my team of the Water House using just the materials in the makerspace.



# Partnering with Parents

- Like riding a bike

## Progress Check-In

Students were given a one page update for what they can work on this week and next.

Please review this with your child. There is a lot to celebrate, but also an opportunity to make a plan for our Virtual Wednesday.

**Progress Check-In**  
2 Weeks Left! Where Am I At?

**PE/HEALTH:**

- P Health Standard 1: I will demonstrate the ability to use goal setting skills to enhance health.
- P Health Standard 2: I can identify and use the skill components of fitness.
- P Health Standard 3: I can design and use an activity to help me improve on an area of weakness in my fitness.

**SOCIAL STUDIES:**

- P Level 1: I can make connections between advancements and ancient civilizations.
- P Level 2: I can analyze advancements from the past to the present.
- IP Level 3: I can design and share my own innovation and its impact on the future.  
(NOTE: YOU CAN NOT BE HIGHER THAN IP UNTIL YOU PRESENT YOUR GROUP PROJECT)





**SCIENCE:**

- P LEVEL 1: Water Cycle (blue packet)
- IP LEVEL 2: Heat and Rotation (orange packet)
- NE LEVEL 3: Air masses and Fronts (purple packet)
- NE LEVEL 4: Predicting the Weather (green packet)

**ELA:**

- IS Success Criteria 1: I can determine the central idea based on evidence of a text.
- IS Success Criteria 2: I can create a summary free of personal opinion with any genre of text
- IP Success Criteria 3: I can determine the purpose of a text.

**Performance Indicators**

<b>P</b>	<b>Proficient</b> - Look at me. I have mastered riding the bike -- I can show you!	
<b>IP</b>	<b>In Progress</b> - I can ride the bike but with support (training wheels). Keep giving me feedback and help.	
<b>IE</b>	<b>Insufficient Evidence</b> - I told you I can ride the bike, but I have not shown anyone that I can.	
<b>NE</b>	<b>No Evidence</b> - I have not even climbed on the bike to try.	



## Competencies For ZoomChats

- Collaboration
- Creator
- Critical Thinker
- Problem Solver

# Student Testimonials from Zoom Trips

Brooklyn said: "Our speaker said something along the lines of you can't just look at people and read their minds you have to engage in conversation." 🌟 #hmsbydesign

"You have to understand your problem to get to a solution."

Conner

10:24 AM

Thanks, I mean its easy to connect back to your own life! And my dad has been an electrician for around 5 years, so I know a lot about that topic!

"You may not be the problem, but you can be a part of the solution."

"Your choices matter."



"Sometimes you just have to flip your thinking."

# Implementation: DMS

Meeting teachers where they are:

- Traditional → Standards → CBL
- Building efficacy and growing mindset

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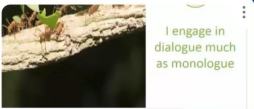
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6mo

DMS Innovation- Reading Frenzy

Reflection

Mindset



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10 Mindframes for Visible Learning

★★★★★ (3) Rate

Anonymous 6mo

John Hattie's 10 mind-frames for Visible Learning include knowing your impact as a teacher, using assessments to guide your instruction, collaborating with your

Transfer Learning Experiences- Visible Learning



katiemartin.com


Success Versus Mastery | Katie Martin

★★★★☆ (8) Rate

Anonymous 6mo

I really liked the "Mastery is not merely a commitment

PBL



pblworks.org


How to Adapt a Project to Fit Your Students & Make It Gold Standard PBL

★★★★★ (5) Rate

Anonymous 6mo

Article is helpful and practical. pblworks website also seems to be a great resource save.

Interdisciplinary



edutopia.org

Using PBL to Encourage Interdisciplinary Work

★★★ (3) Rate

Eric Langhorst 6mo

My experience is that the real world topics that students want to discuss are often viewed as controversial - racism,

## DMS Innovation-Reading Frenzy

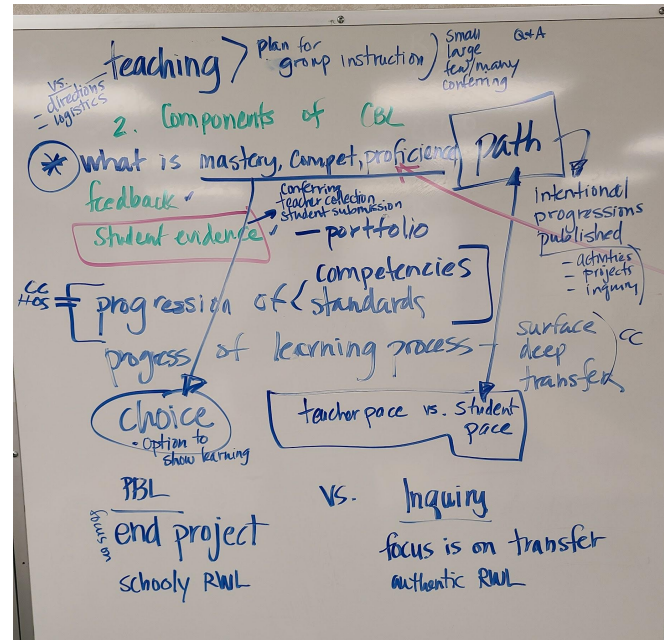
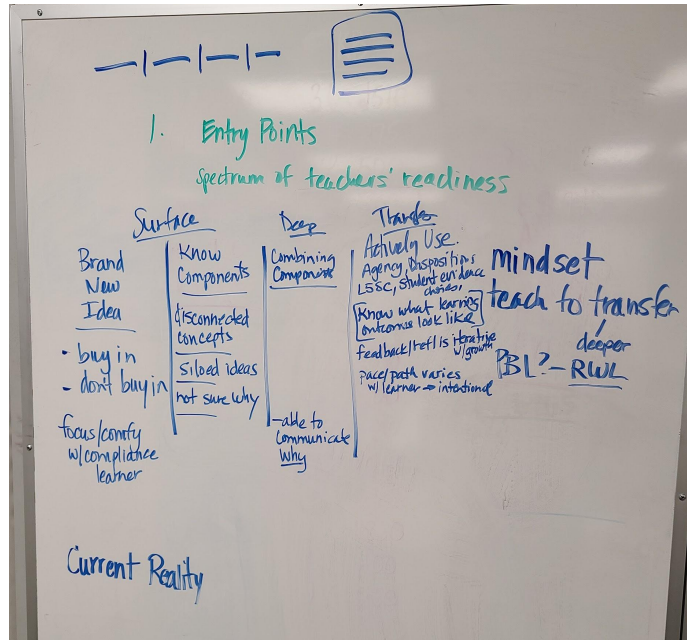
**Directions:** Read or watch AT LEAST 4 of the resources on our Reading Frenzy Padlet and reflect below. On Padlet, please rate (1-5 stars) each resource that you viewed and add comments or questions, as needed. Ratings should be based on the value you feel the content had in supporting or moving your thinking.

Resource title & a brief description	What were your “lightbulb moments” or takeaways from the resource?	What questions or clarification is needed?	In what ways could this impact learning experiences at DMS?



# Implementation: DMS

## ● Sustained PD/PLC Team - Building - District



SCHEDULE OF THE DAY		
Activity	Time	Location
Pre-Brief	7:15-8:00	DMS Conference Room
Travel to HMS	8:00-8:15	
ByDesign 6	8:15-8:40	Room 505
ByDesign 7	8:40-9:05	Rooms 404-406
8th Humanities	9:05-9:30	Rooms 307/308
Travel to LNHS	9:30-9:45	
NNbD 9 (North Nation by Design)	9:45-10:15	Upstairs
Travel to DMS	10:15-10:30	

Using Success Criteria to Guide Student Learning			
Success criteria describes what the student will do or say to understand the learning intention. It is "how" students show their learning.			
Self-Reflection	Always	Sometimes	Never
Do <u>you</u> <b>HAVE</b> success criteria for learning?			
Do <u>you</u> <b>USE</b> success criteria when planning for learning?			
Do <u>students</u> <b>USE</b> success criteria throughout the learning process to monitor learning? (Not just at the beginning or end of learning)			
Do <u>students</u> have a way to <b>track</b> understanding and <b>reflect</b> on learning through the use of success criteria?			

# Implementation: DMS

## Administrative/Coach Support

- High Expectations/High Support  
(Consistency, Collaboration, Communication)

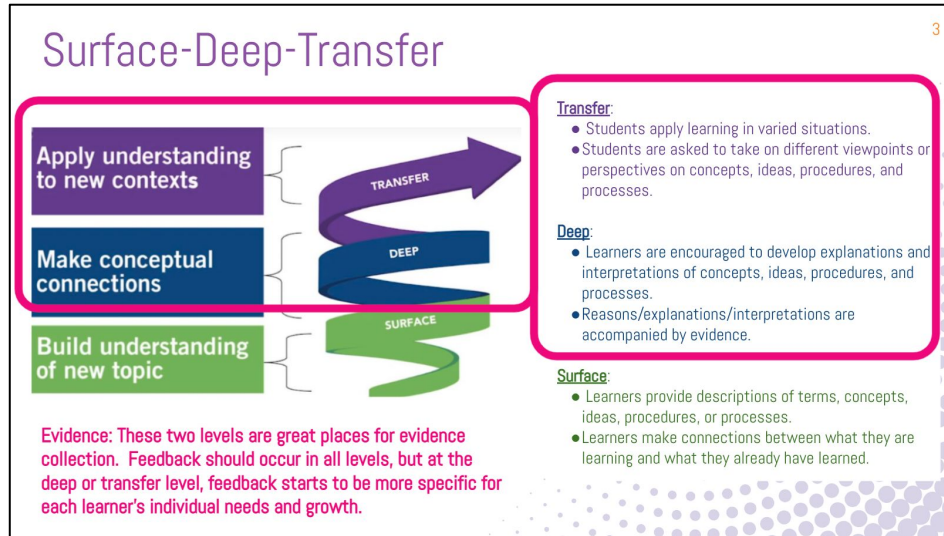


# Implementation: SVMS

## Reflecting On Our Own Teaching Practices

- Sorted Class Activities:
  - Surface, Deep, Transfer
  - What is the purpose of each level?
- Compliance VS Learning:
  - Agree to not record compliance as part of grade.

	P= Proficient    I= In Progress    N= Not Proficient/Needs Improvement			
Academic Learning	P	I	N	Feedback
Mastered all intended learning.				
<b>Work Habits</b>				
Turns in high-quality/high-effort work.				
Turns in work by the deadline.				
Completes required learning attempts.				
<b>Learning Behaviors</b>				
Follows directions.				
Participates in activities and discussions.				
Perseveres when things are difficult.				
Communicates/collaborates with others.				
Advocates for themselves.				



Surface, Deep, and Transfer Learning Process		
Surface Build Knowledge Build Concept(s)/Idea(s)/Skill(s)	Deep Make Meaning Connect Concepts/Ideas/Skills	Transfer Apply Understanding Extend concepts/ideas/skills
<u>Jigsaw Method</u>	<u>Organize and Transfer Notes</u>	Find Similarities/Differences
Tell Who/What/Where/When/How	Explain connections or procedures	Synthesizing Info Across Text
<u>Integrating Prior Knowledge</u>	Metacognitive Strategy Instruction	Transform Concept Knowledge
Describe/Explain Using Context	<u>Reciprocal Teaching</u>	Organize Concept Knowledge
Mnemonics	Concept Mapping	Formal Discussion
Leverage Prior Knowledge	Class Discussion	Problem Solving Teaching
Vocabulary Programs	Teacher or Self-Questioning	Extended writing
Direct Instruction	Extend patterns	Peer Tutoring
Use rules	Inquiry-Based Teaching	Reorganize into a new structure
Note Taking	Simulations	Formulate
Imagery	Cite supporting evidence	Generalize
Name/List/Locate	Predict	Produce and present
Restate/Summarize	Outline	Design and conduct
Construct/Use a Simple Model	Interpret	Collaborate
Define/Label	Revise for meaning	Evaluate
Organize/Group/Classify	Solve non-routine problems	Critique
Identify	Compare/Contrast	Hypothesize
Recall/Recite	Synthesize	Initiate
Recognize	Verify	Reflect
Estimate	Show cause/effect	Research
Give examples and nonexamples	Analyze/Infer	
Match/Classify	Argue	
Measure	Assess	
Solve Single/Multi-Step Problem	Deconstruct	
	Draw conclusions	

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# Implementation: SVMS

## Reflecting On Our Own Teaching Practices

- Ensuring Students Understand Expectations
  - Single Point Rubrics
  - Feedback
- Traditional to Proficiency

Expectations
The app clearly explains an original idea of how to foster more understanding and less judgment in the world.
The app is specific and detailed in how to accomplish the purpose.
Student has really put a lot of effort into making the various screens and navigational flow is easy to understand.
The analysis is logically written to draw insightful parallels between the book, <i>The Outsiders</i> and the solutions proposed in the student's app.
Grammar and mechanics are appropriate for grade level.

Unit 1 Part 1 Test Scoring Guide				
Competency Standards	LEARNING TARGETS	ITEM #S	SCORE	ESSENTIAL UNDERSTANDINGS
Problem Solver Solve/Compute/Use/Apply math concepts/knowledge to answer questions (4-2 on test)	I can identify the shape & calculate perimeter by using unit squares to cover a figure and label my answer	1	P	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Correctly identify the dimensions</li><li>Used the correct operation to solve</li><li>Calculate accurately</li><li>Label correctly (in squared)</li><li>Show work of procedure to solve</li></ul>
Problem Solver Solve/Compute/Use/Apply math concepts/knowledge to answer questions (4-2 on test)	I can identify the shape & calculate perimeter by using unit squares to cover a figure and label my answer	2	P	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Correctly identify the dimensions</li><li>Used the correct operation to solve</li><li>Calculate accurately</li><li>Label correctly (cm squared)</li><li>Show work of procedure to solve</li></ul>
Communicator /Collaborator Summarize and describe similarities and differences (4-3 on test)	I can calculate area by using unit squares to cover a figure and label area measurements as square units  6.GM.A Use the correct area formula for the given shape. Calculate the area of a rectangle or triangle	3	P	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Correctly identified the shape name</li><li>Correctly identify the dimensions</li><li>Label correctly (Units squared)</li><li>Insert values into the correct formula with all work shown</li><li>Identified and explained thinking the shapes with the same area</li><li>Calculated correctly</li></ul>
Critical Thinker Recognize/Identify/Determine how concepts in math connect (4-1 on test)	I can find the area of a compound shape by splitting it into shapes I know.  6.GM.A Find the area of polygons by composing or decomposing the shapes into rectangles or triangles. Calculate the area of the whole figure by adding the area for the separate figures	4	I	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Insert values into the correct formula</li><li>Used the correct operation to complete solving the problem</li><li>Calculate correctly</li><li>Label correctly (Units squared)</li></ul>
Creator Graph math concepts (4-5 on test)	I can graph points in all 4 quadrants of a coordinate plane to create a geometric shape  6.GM.A3 Solve problems by graphing points in all four quadrants of the Cartesian plane	5	P	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Correctly plots the coordinates</li><li>Connected the points together to create the correct geometric shape</li><li>Correctly identified the geometric shape</li></ul>
Empathizer Use mathematical concepts to help solve real-world problems in various communities (4-6 on test)	I can identify a real world application	6	P	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Can determine the real world application that incorporates area and perimeter</li></ul>

IMPACT Project Rubric
Created an engaging beginning or introduction.
Story has a clear focus with story details that support a creative, logical flow of events and uses transition words effectively.
Uses descriptive language: adjectives/vivid verbs/metaphors and/or similes.
Conclusion/ending wraps up narrative and shows insight about the situation.
Spelling, capitalization, punctuation, paragraphing and grammar are effective and make the paper easy to read and understand.

Posture & Position			
Criteria	Ratings		
🌀 Body is balanced and relaxed	Proficient	In Progress	Not Proficient
🌀 Bow hand rounded, fluid and correctly placed	Proficient	In Progress	Not Proficient
🌀 Instrument is correctly aligned	Comments		
	Bring your bow hand closer to the frog, so that the middle finger points to the silver ferrule, and the thumb is where the stick meets the frog. Good rounded fingers.		
🌀 Left hand aligned and relaxed	Proficient	In Progress	Not Proficient
🌀 Left hand aligned and relaxed	Comments		
	Nice rounded fingers. Check that the thumb is next to the first finger.		

die ...	CT-Analyze craft, structure, and meaning. 1 alignment MASTERED
ELA Progress Report	Your score Proficient In Progress Not Proficient
CT-Comprehend and interpret grade level texts. 1 alignment MASTERED	ELA Progress Report Your score Proficient In Progress Not Proficient
CT-Synthesize and Compare Ideas from Multiple Texts 1 alignment MASTERED	ELA Progress Report Your score Proficient In Progress Not Proficient

# Implementation: SVMS

## From Teacher Centered to Student Centered

- Choice in Learning Opportunities
- Tracking Sheets
- Reflection of Progress Towards Mastery

My Expository Features Progress

Main Idea and Supporting Details					
	Pre-Test	Goal #1	Goal #2	Goal #3	Goal #4
I can create a main idea statement of the text.					
Proof	Assassination of Lincoln Article	Chapter 1 of CLK	John Wilkes Booth Diary Entry		
	Pre-Test	Goal #1	Goal #2	Goal #3	Goal #4
I can use supporting details to analyze how the main idea developed.					
Proof	Assassination of Lincoln Article	Chapter 1 of CLK	John Wilkes Booth Diary Entry		
	Pre-Test	Goal #1	Goal #2	Goal #3	Goal #4

Student Version					
Unit 1: Number Systems Essential Standards					
Indicator	Previous Knowledge	Study Guide	Assessment	Reteaching/Corrections	Retake (if necessary)
Unit 1: 6.NS.B.3 Demonstrate fluency with addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division of decimals					
I can add, subtract, multiply and divide decimals.					
Add					
Subtract					
Multiply					
Divide					
Unit 1: 6.NS.C.8 Generate equivalent representations of rational numbers between fractions, decimals, and percentages. (Benchmark Fractions)					
I can create equivalent fractions, decimals, and percents.					

Name: Lucy Martin SS Unit 1: Early Civilizations & Mesopotamia Tracking Sheet Class: 1st hour

Learning Intention/Target

Eagles are learning to be...CREATORS:

I can plan and use tools to develop creative and innovative ideas, explanations, and products.

A. Create and use visuals, instruments, historical maps, and timelines.

B. Create and use maps/graphic representations to explain relationships and reveal patterns or trends.

Success Criteria

How will you prove you have mastered the learning intention? What evidence will you show?

1 I can locate continents & oceans on the world map, AND identify types of maps.

2 I can create visuals or explanations to represent specific events on a timeline.

Track Your Learning Progress

Learning Opportunity	P	I	N	Reflect: Why Are You At This Level? Or Where Do You Go Next?
World Map #1	X			I colored map of world. I still have to label continents & oceans.
Types of Maps Exit Ticket #1	X			I labeled map of world. I still have to label continents & oceans.
Personal Timeline #2	X			My timeline has 5 events & is in order.
Cave Art #2	X			
Ancient Mesopotamia Interactive Map #1		X		I put rivers as City-States.
Mesopotamia Timeline #2	X			I have completed my timeline.

P= Proficient I= In Progress N= Not Proficient

If marked as "I" reflect on what you need to do in order to become proficient.

If you mark yourself as an "N" Please speak to your teacher for learning support.

MS Competency and Outcome

Eagles are...Problem Solvers and Critical Thinkers

Learning Intention/Target

I will explain, understand, and construct ways that biotic systems interact with biotic & abiotic systems in an ecosystem.

Success Criteria

How will you prove you have mastered the learning intention? What evidence will you show?

1 I can define & identify biotic & abiotic factors in an ecosystem.

2 I can explain & give examples of interactions in an ecosystem.

3 I can understand & create a food chain & food web to show how energy flows in an ecosystem.

Track Your Learning Progress

Learning Opportunity	Done	9 +	I/N	Reflect: Why Are You At This Level? Or Where Do You Go Next?
Include the Success Criteria Focus #	✓			

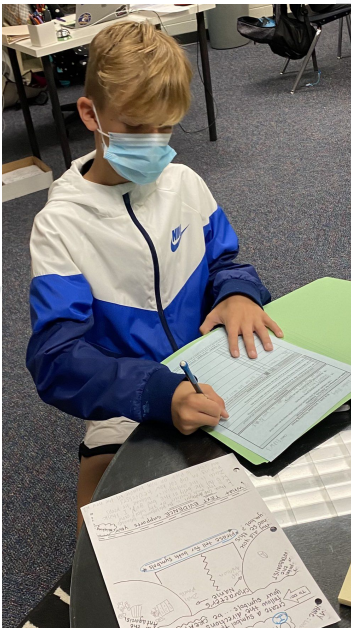
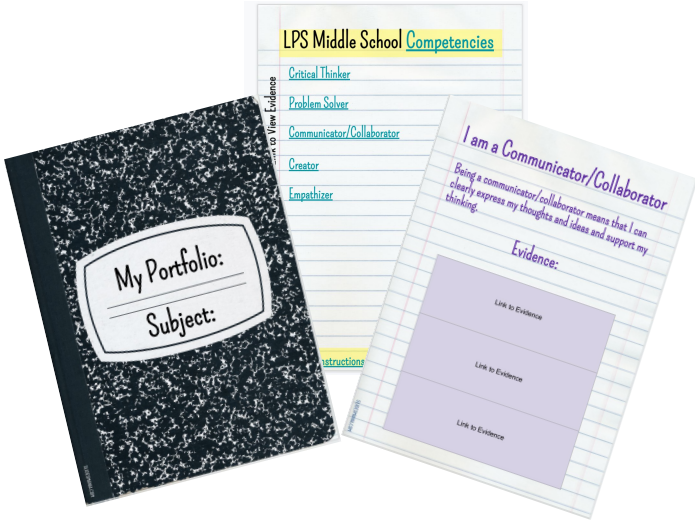


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## From Teacher Centered to Student Centered

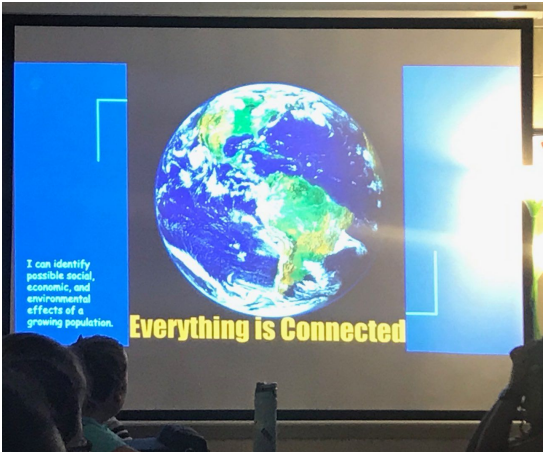
- How and When to Prove Learning

- PBL Projects
- Conversations
- Student Choice
- Collection of Proof



PEAK ELA-6	Our Priorities		Quarter 1			
			Date:	Reflection	Supporting Evidence Links	Supporting Evidence Links
Reading	I can ...					
Critical Thinker	Comprehend & interpret texts	R.1			Book Club	Reading Record: # of books
	Analyze craft, structure & meaning	R.2			Book Club	Smiley Face Tricks
	Synthesize/compare ideas from multiple texts	R.3			Book Club	
Writing	I can ...					
Creator	Produce clear/well-developed writing in the following genres:	W.2				
	--narrative	W.2			Memoir	
	--expository	W.2			Letter Essay	PEEL Paragraph
	--argumentative	W.2				Book Club Constructed Response
	Revise and edit writing	W.3			Memoir	PEEL Paragraph
Research	I can ...					
Problem Solver	Research to answer a question by gathering and integrating relevant information from several sources	W.1				
Speaking & Listening	I can ...					
Empathizer	Collaborate by making comments and asking questions that contribute to the discussion	SL.1			Book Club	
	Acknowledge the viewpoints of others	SL.1			Book Club	
Creator	Plan and deliver effective presentations	SL.2				

Focus	I Understand Ecology						
Teacher Approves Proficiency	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
6th Grade Science Standards	LS1.B.1 I can construct an explanation for how characteristic animal behaviors as well as specialized plant structures affect the probability of successful reproduction of animals and plants respectively.	LS2.A.1 I can analyze and interpret data to provide evidence for the effects of resource availability on individual organisms and populations of organisms in an ecosystem.	LS2.A.2 I can construct an explanation that predicts the patterns of interactions among and between the biotic and abiotic factors in a given ecosystem.	LS2.B.1 I can develop a model to describe the cycling of matter and flow of energy among living and nonliving parts of an ecosystem.	LS2.C.1 I can construct an argument supported by evidence that explains how changes to physical or biological parts of an ecosystem affect populations.	LS2.C.2 I can evaluate benefits and limitations of differing design solutions for maintaining an ecosystem.	ESS2.C.1 I can design and develop a model to describe the cycling of water through Earth's systems driven by energy from the sun and the force of gravity.
Proficient Evidence 1							
Proficient Evidence 2	<a href="#">My Paper on How Animals Help Plants Reproduce</a>	<a href="#">Predator Prey Relationships Worksheet</a>					







# THANKS!

Let's be friends!

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