

Major Recurring Themes from District Action Plans

The following is a list of important steps many districts would like to take to revolutionize secondary schools.

Linking Teacher Quality and Student Achievement

- Question: How do we improve teacher quality?
- Question: How do we encourage increased collaboration among teachers?
- Stress the importance of feedback for teachers

Encouraging 21st Century Skills

Technology and Media Literacy

- Embed technology within the curriculum
- Incorporate technology in administrative and teacher supervision
- Conduct virtual meetings
- Encourage all members of the learning community to utilize new technology
- Create and offer technology rich courses
- Use the internet as a resource in schools for teaching and learning
- Help students to analyze, understand, and utilize new technologies
- Utilize online learning (i.e. Moodle, etc)

Entrepreneurial and business focus in school through:

- Offer Business/Economics Courses
- Incorporate interest-based projects and activities
- Provide opportunities for Internships, externships
- Build partnerships/relationships with local businesses
- Encourage the spirit of collaboration
- Embed project-based learning within the curricula

Physical Education reform

- Increase the emphasis on health and wellness

Facilitating Communication with the Outside Community

Increase public awareness of student initiatives

Develop Community Partnerships

Student Engagement

Empower students and promote student voice