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# Essential Practices for Schools and their Communities

*Evidence-based practices for sustained improvement in teaching and learning*

*Culture of high expectations for success  
Collective vision for teaching and learning  
Empowered staff  
Needs-based organization and allocation of resources  
Continuous monitoring of school improvement plan implementation*

## Empower Leadership



Every Student Succeeds

## Foster Quality Professional Learning

*Professional learning responsive to teacher and student needs*

*Multiple professional learning designs*

*Evaluating the impact of professional learning*



## Focus on Continuous Improvement of Instruction

*Aligned curriculum, instruction and assessment*

*Collaborative instructional planning*

*Variety of assessments to monitor student learning*

*Identify and address individual student learning needs*

*Frequent, timely feedback and support on instructional practices*



## Provide Student-Centered Supports

*Positive school environment where all members feel welcomed, supported, and safe*

*Schoolwide positive behavior interventions and supports*

*Multi-tiered system of supports for academics and behavior*

*Family engagement to support learning*

*Partnerships with local businesses, community organizations, and other agencies*

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