

12 Tenets of Flagship Schools



Strong shared vision

Every learning model and institution requires a vision that is collaborative in creation and shared in application. Flagship schools craft a vision that is inclusive of all aspects of the communities they serve and actively share their vision.



Inclusive and accessible

Flagship schools meet each learner where they are in their social, emotional, and academic development. Incorporating rich personalized development, supported with inclusive technologies, ensures learners can achieve mastery on their own learning path.



Innovative pedagogy, curriculum, and assessment

Flagship schools are grounded in innovative, best practice pedagogy, curriculum, and instruction aligned to increased student growth and deeper learning outcomes with rich professional learning for educators.



Process-driven approach to planning, design, and delivery

Flagship schools engage models like the Education Transformation Framework to guide design processes throughout their development and journey. This systematic approach heightens collaboration amongst all stakeholders involved in the school and provides a platform for iterations and constant reflections within the completed processes.



Prioritization of students' learning outcomes

Competency and mastery-based systems provide personalized accountability and a level of ownership over a student's demonstration of what they can and do achieve. Flagship schools clearly define learning outcomes with a connection to lifelong learning design and student-driven experiences. They model supported outcomes, empowered with technology, for individual insight on each student's performance.



Sustainable, innovative design and space

Flagship schools support meaningful design/architecture and act as a conduit to the future of learning and work. Learning spaces are designed to facilitate experiences and serve as a base for the culture of the community, with adaptable, flexible approaches that are good for the environment.



Secure and safe learning environment

The security and safety of every student and person that is associated with a Flagship school is a priority. By integrating thoughtful application of technology into the architectural components of the learning site, Flagship schools provides students with a holistic experience that will allow them to safely thrive in their social, emotional, and academic endeavors.



Thoughtful end-to-end use of technology

Flagship schools push the boundaries of innovation, creation, and design, exploring ways to leverage technology to aid the student and educator experience to improve learning outcomes. Flagship schools are richly designed with best-in-class technology to fuel the institution into the future and aid institutional effectiveness.



Community connected

Learning occurs everywhere and is driven by thoughtful community partnerships. From place-based education opportunities, to designing facilities that function as community learning hubs, Flagship schools expand and build a supportive network that maximizes and celebrates learning and the communities they serve.



Happy, confident, motivated students

Flagship schools serve the whole student, with added emphasis behind developing social and emotional learning environments and programs. A sense of autonomy, mastery, and purpose heighten each learner's motivation around continuous growth with a shared ownership of learning and life outcomes.



Data-driven analytics and decision-making

Growth assessment is the foundation for meaningful reflection and well-informed decision-making, and learning prescription. Flagship schools leverage data ethically to inform their practices and to refine work across the student and educator. Flagship schools also leverage data throughout the fabric of the entire institution to optimize operational effectiveness and save costs.



Empowered leaders and educators

Learning experiences are a powerful aspect of continuous model iteration and innovation. Flagship schools demonstrate professional learning experiences and communities on both internal and external levels to support an empowered growth mindset. Educators and leaders are empowered within the Microsoft Innovative Educator program and community network within the Microsoft Educator Community.