

XQ DESIGN PRINCIPLES

By redesigning traditional approaches to high school, XQ schools are working to prepare students for a brighter future. Everything schools learn will be open-source to stimulate dialogue and to inspire schools and communities all over the country.



Innovative approaches to curriculum and teaching that use real-world, interdisciplinary learning experiences to enable students to develop and apply deep content knowledge and complex skills.



An approach to teaching, learning, and overall school culture that focuses on truly getting to know students, both inside and outside the classroom, and giving all students opportunities to build their identities as learners and develop the capacity for agency and autonomy.



Goals and outcomes that integrate academic and social-emotional learning and enable students to become masters of all fundamental literacies, holders of foundational knowledge, original thinkers for an uncertain world, generous collaborators for tough problems, and learners for life.



Powerful partnerships—with community and cultural institutions, business and industry, higher education, nonprofit organizations, and health and service providers—that provide support, real-world experiences and networking opportunities for students, enabling them to envision and set goals for the future.



Leveraging technology to tailor learning to the unique needs of each student, as well as to actively assess student progress and provide tools that help students build the skills and knowledge they need to thrive in college, career and life.



Non-traditional, flexible uses of time, technology, space, place, financial resources and roles to increase the effectiveness of teaching and learning.