Students in the 21st Century
Success in today's global community requires a whole new set of skills. High school should be a place where young people have the opportunity to develop skills that make them ready for the future.

Youth Experience & Aspirations
How will you engage young people in creating a new school? Student perspectives must be a key component in your research as you build your school — after all, they're the ones you're designing for.

The Science of Adolescent Learning
Recent scientific advances provide new insights on how adolescents learn. How should we adapt teaching methods to capitalize on the ways young people absorb and engage with information?

Networks & Partnerships
Education doesn’t only happen in the classroom. We need to broaden the definition of school to include other formal and informal learning experiences in the local community and beyond.

Student Agency & Engagement
Young people must have real opportunities to help make decisions that affect their lives. A good school encourages students to take an active role in their education and connects them with peers, teachers, other adults, and technology.

Teaching & Learning
Learning requires rich curriculum and interactive teachers who are committed to helping students build toward mastery, no matter where they come from or what their core interests are.

School Mission & Culture
Every great school needs a well-articulated mission and culture—clearly articulated learning goals and practices that students, teachers, and administrators can all get behind. These goals guide your school's rules, relationships, and behaviors.

Human Capital & Training
Staffing your school is one of the most important steps in ensuring that you deliver on your mission. Recruitment, teacher roles, training programs, and a broader network are all critical.

Facilities, Technology & Time
Appropriate technology implementation, the design of your facilities, and the way time is allocated during the school day are all crucial elements in developing a successful learning environment.

Implementation Capacity
A great school has a healthy system for performance measurement, governance, finance, and capacity building. It must also demonstrate agility in its ability to address systemic change and unforeseen obstacles.

Performance Management & Evaluation
In order to run a successful student-centered curriculum, a school needs state-of-the-art tools that can collect information on student progress, flag emerging problem areas, and hold everyone accountable for their roles.