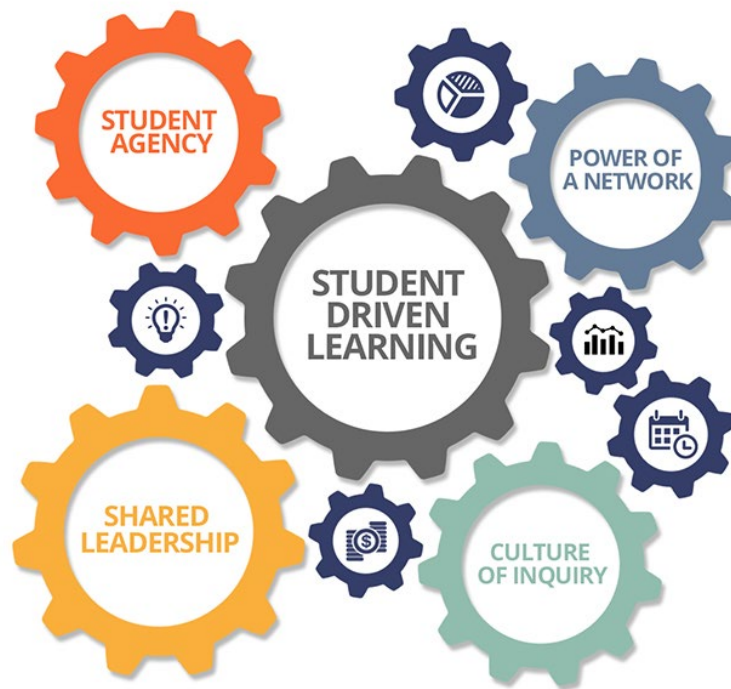




*Building Bright Futures Through High School Redesign.*

# School Personalization Traditional, Transitional & Transformational



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## Power of a Network

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DIMENSIONS	TRADITIONAL (industrial model)	>	TRANSITIONAL (teacher-centered model)	>	TRANSFORMATIONAL (student-centered model)
<b>Philosophy</b>	My Kids/My Classroom	Yellow	Our Kids/Our School	Yellow	Whole Child/Our Community
<b>Accountability</b>	Student	Red	Teacher	Yellow	Learning Team
<b>Community</b>	Compliance	Yellow	Cooperation & Provided Resources	Red	Collaboration & Full Partner
<b>Feedback</b>	Provided by Teacher	Red	Student Reflection & Peer Input	Red	Full Discussion of Learning
<b>Teacher Role</b>	Instructor	Red	Instructor/Advisor	Yellow	Facilitator/Advisor/Coach

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<b>Student</b>	Passive Recipient/ Compliant	Red	Engaged	Yellow	Passion & Self-Direction
<b>Governance</b>	Student Council	Yellow	Rep Democratic Structures	Red	Student Led Site Council
<b>Personalization</b>	Group Instructor	Green	Differentiation	Red	Student Choice/PPP
<b>Classroom Climate</b>	Teacher Control	Yellow	Some Shared Ownership	Red	Positive & Student Led/Managed
<b>Equity</b>	Tracks	Yellow	Open Access to AP, IB, etc.	Red	De-Tracking/Honors Challenge
<b>Student Support</b>	Guidance	Red	Teachers & Guidance	Yellow	Advisories/Teachers/Guidance

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<b>Culture</b>	To Categorize/Slot Students	Green	To Identify Deficits	Yellow	To Facilitate Learning
<b>Framework</b>	Assessment of Learning	Green	Assessment of Learning	Yellow	Assessment of Learning
<b>Teacher Role</b>	Instructor	Red	Instructor/Advisor	Yellow	Facilitator/Addvisor/Coach
<b>Professional Culture</b>	Faculty Meetings	Yellow	Prof Learning Community	Red	Focus Empowered Groups

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<b>Learning Locus</b>	Classroom	Yellow	School	Red	Anywhere/Anyplace
<b>Timeframe</b>	8am - 2pm	Green	Before School/8-2/After School	Red	Anytime
<b>Curriculum Impetus</b>	Teacher/Content	Red	Inquiry/Essential Questions	Red	Permanence Based Assessment
<b>Individualization</b>	One Size/Speed Fits All	Yellow	Limited Differentiation	Red	Each Student Own Focus & Pace
<b>Graduation Requirements</b>	Seat Time	Red	Limited Performance Options	Red	Multiple Pathways
<b>Content Vehicle</b>	Text-Driven Instruction	Red	Competency & Pct-Based Instruction	Red	Demonstration of Mastery

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<b>Positive Influence</b>	Focus on Management	Red	Focus on Leadership	Red	Positive Influence/Servant Leadership
<b>Capacity Building</b>	Classroom Practice Development Only	Yellow	Leadership Development	Red	Leadership & Infrastructure Development
<b>Control</b>	Top Down	Red	Some Sharing	Red	Fully Collaborative + Students
<b>Students</b>	Student Groups/ Teams Only	Yellow	Some Inclusion & Training	Red	Leadership Role on Most Teams
<b>Policy Support Vision</b>	Not Addressed	Green	Some Support Some on Same Page	Yellow	Fully Aligned with Personal Strategies Common & Compelling Vision