

Welcome!
**What signals “start of the school year”
to you?**
(Drop answer in the in chat)

A strong start to the school year, according to the students

GRAD Partnership Community of Practice

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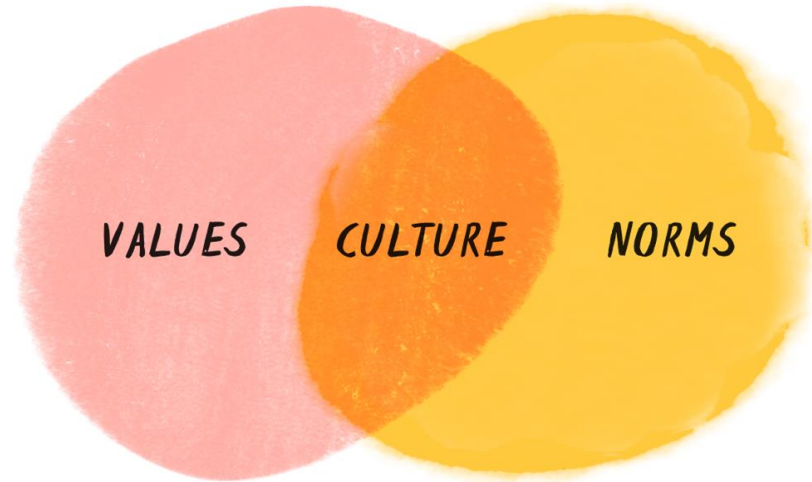
Welcome!

In the chat, please share your name, organization, and location.



Community Agreements

- **We, not me:** Share stories and air time
- **Accept non-closure**
- Chatham house rule: **Use the ideas, keep details in the community**
- **Share to learn**
- **Make room for joy**



Values are the beliefs, philosophies, and principles that drive a group.



Norms are the ground rules that dictate how people interact.



Culture is the interaction between the two; the beliefs and the behaviors of the group.

Our Mission

Partnering with communities to use **high-quality student success systems** so that schools are empowered to graduate all students ready for the future.

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Power of predictive indicators

9th-grade on-track student achievement (i.e., earning enough credits to be promoted on time to sophomore year) is the single best predictor of whether a student will graduate from high school within four years—more so than test scores, family income, or race/ethnicity.

(Allensworth & Easton, 2005)

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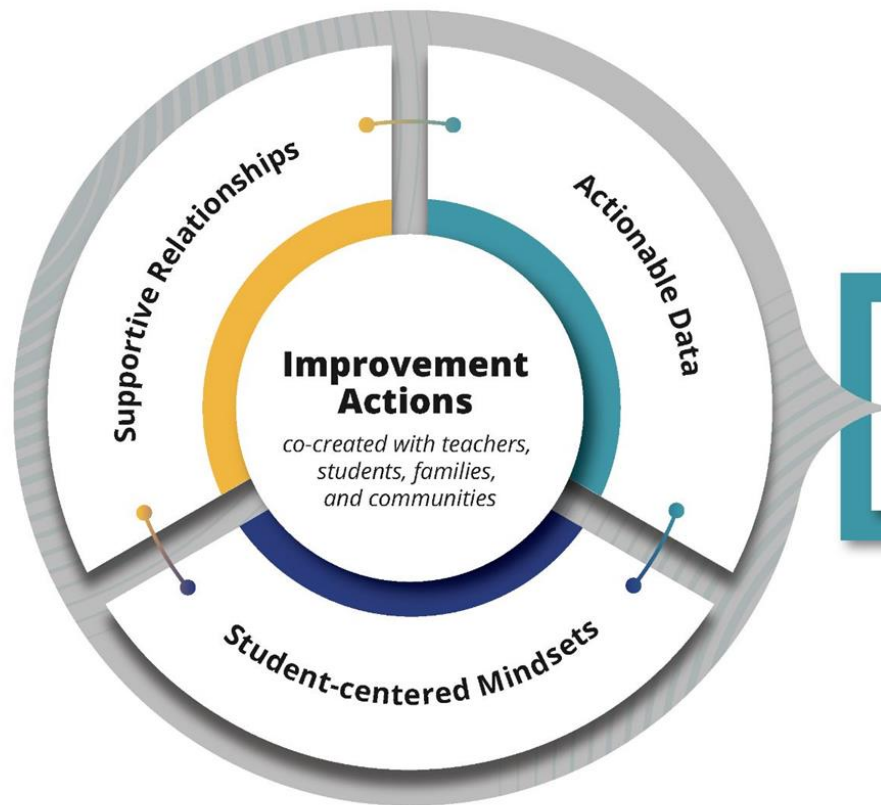
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Student Success Systems

Organizing a school community to better support the academic progress, high school graduation, post-secondary success rates, and well-being of all students.

Student Success Systems:

- combine a focus on building strong relationships
- with real-time, actionable, holistic data, and
- strategic improvement actions
- shaped by student-centered mindsets.



Student Success Systems
Enabling all students to thrive.

Schools with Student Success Systems

From...

- High school is time when students must sink or swim
- Teachers and counselors solving problems alone
- Disconnect between students' learning and identity development
- Disconnect between attendance and academic performance
- Standard problem-solving

To...

- Strong supports for students
- Teachers and counselors work collaboratively to monitor and respond to students and continuously improve
- Draw direct connections between students' academic behavior, social skills, integrated identity
- Focus on engagement
- Problem-solving starts with inquiry and aims to be responsive, adaptive, and evidence-based

Students were **>2x more likely to earn B or better** when they rated learning conditions most positively rather than most negatively.



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Learning Conditions Predict Strong Student Learning

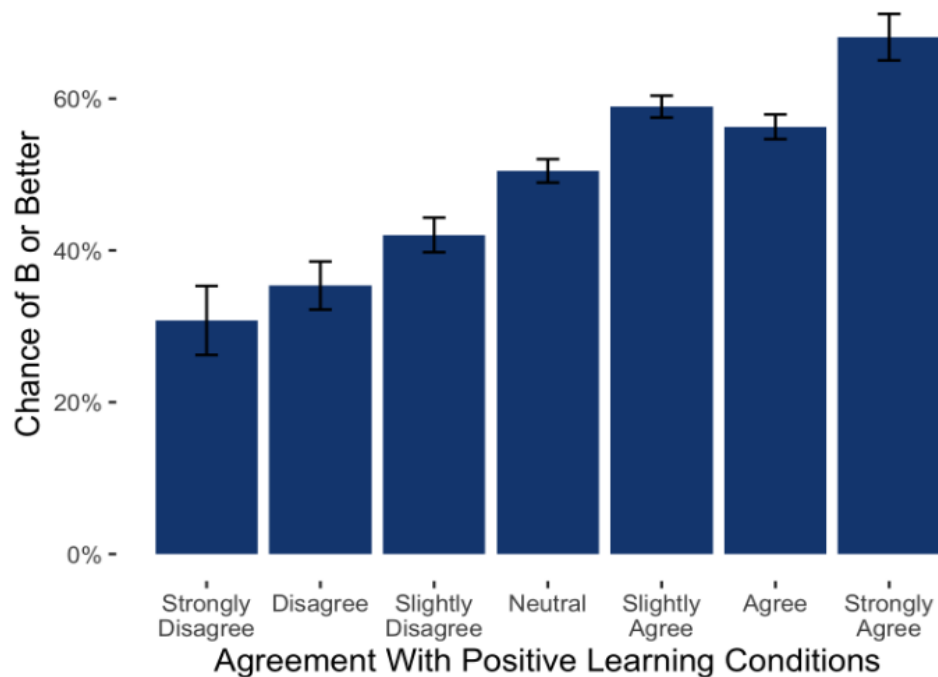


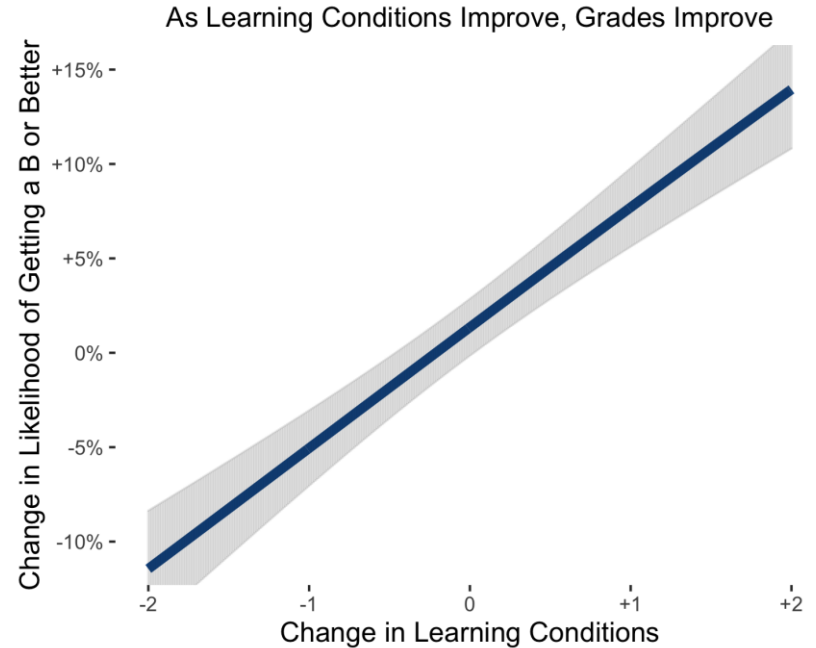
Figure 1. Percent of students earning an A or B in their math classes for different levels of agreement with statements about positive learning conditions. Each increment in the composite score is associated with 5% more students earning A's and B's, on average.

As learning conditions improve, grades improve.

- Positive shifts in learning conditions from October to February predict increased likelihood of getting a B or better in March.
- Provides stronger indication that moving the needle on learning conditions is likely to impact learning outcomes within a single school year.



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What if we started 2023-2024 SY
really focused on creating strong
supports from the start of the
year?

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Partnership aims to catalyze and co-construct a new educational “architecture” to support secondary school transformation across the United States.

STUDENT PANEL

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Breakouts

- Introduce yourself to your new friends.
Name, organization, role, what brought you to the meeting?
- Discuss...
 - a. What did you hear that resonated?
 - b. What are you wondering?
 - c. What might you try?
- As a **group**, decide what idea or question to bring back to the main room
- As an **individual**, decide what you will try based on the discussion.

Looking forward...

Our next
Community of Practice
meeting will be
Tuesday, August 8, 2023
3:00-4:00p ET

Shanette Porter, Co-Director of the
Equitable Learning and Development
Group and Senior Research Associate at
the University of Chicago Consortium



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Shape Our Community

Please share
your feedback
and input.



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Thank you for being part of our community - and for offering honest feedback and input to help us shape our future meetings.

Thank you.

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