

Rethinking High School

Creating a Culture of Success

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The New 3 “R’s”

- Give all students challenging curriculum...
 - **Rigor**
- Make the courses relevant to their lives...
 - **Relevance**
- Surround them with adults who push them to achieve...
 - **Relationships**

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Breaking Ranks II Core Themes

- Collaborative Leadership & Professional Learning Communities...
 - **Structure**
- Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment...
 - **Content**
- Personalization & the School Environment...
 - **Culture**

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Creating Cultures of Success...

■ Characterize Interactions



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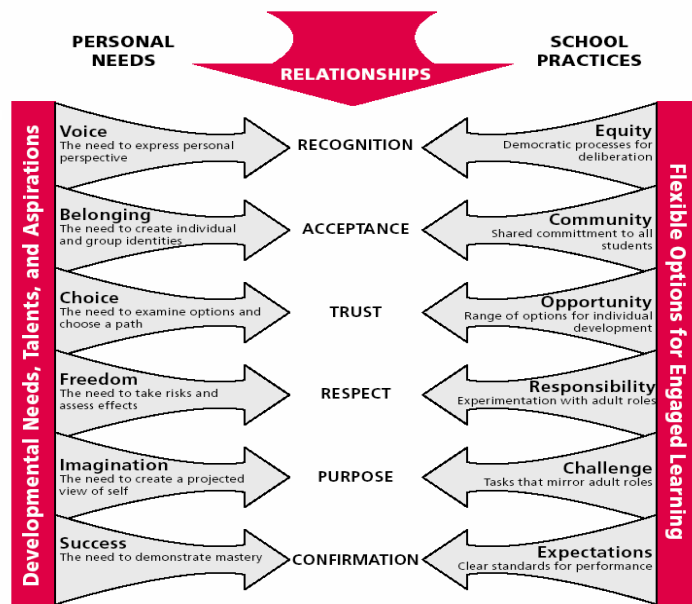


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Personalized Learning Study

- Seven High Schools in 2000
- Shadowed 21 students 7 schools
- Characterize student needs
- Describe school structures

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Identify an Interest of YOURS...



My Interest/Passion...

Subject	Coursework/Curriculum
Language Arts	
Math	
Social Studies	
Science	
Art	

Student Generated Four Year Film Course

Consists of: acting coach, teacher of the course, and last, but not least, the students.

- 1st year** Learning how to operate the studios (Learning the history)
- 2nd year** Making films Group Script writing (Language Arts)
- 3rd year** Making your own films-Editing, Lighting (Geometry)
- 4th year** Knowing editing, camera works, studio works, acting, etc. to prove that everyone must make a feature film in order to graduate. In addition take a multiple-choice exam on elements you must know.

Organizations: We go on trips to other studios, eg. MTV, BET, ABC, etc. In order to do so, we would have fundraisers and each person interested in going on these trips would pay certain amount of money, depending on how much the trip cost. (We could sponsor video nights showing our films to raise funds for students in need)

Time Period: We would be in our film course for 5 hours per day. The next three would be academics, based on your major.

Student Generated Law Major

What Course Has to Offer:

1. Internships
2. Good Job Opportunity
3. Experience for the Future
4. Helps you understand the law field

Law Major Courses	
Study of the Constitution (History)	Study of cases and how they are composed. Write cases (Ethics and Language Arts)
Get real lawyers and judges to come speak and teach. Interview them, write cases (Language Arts)	Go into courtrooms to study cases more. Do reporting about cases (Journalism)
Have tests and projects to make sure you understand. Study statistics of particular kinds of cases, crimes, and criminals (Math)	Have workbooks and textbooks, make portfolio.
To graduate you must go into a real courtroom and re-enact a famous case.	Have real lawyers and judges evaluate presentation of this case.

Victoria's Thoughts...

- Fires in the Bathroom
 - By Kathleen Cushman
 - www.whatkidscando.org

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