



The Empowerment Collaborative model provides schools and districts with a framework to empower students to understand how their interests and skills can become drivers for themselves and their communities. This school-wide environment and instructional shift promotes student ownership of learning through workplace environments, authentic learning and assessment, and entrepreneurial mindsets.

Simulated Workplace Environments

Empowerment Schools use simulated workplace environments to develop the skills students need to obtain, succeed, and advance throughout their education and career. Middle school students function as CEOs, managers, safety monitors, podcasters, event planners, political advocates, and other real roles that serve real needs.

Authentic Learning and Assessment

Educators are challenged to collaborate with students, the community, and the workforce to plan projects that are rooted in the community, value local heritage and assets, and solve real problems. Schools seek to redefine assessment around students' and communities' needs, best practices, and authenticity of the assessments.

Entrepreneurial Mindsets

The Empowerment Collaborative model supports school systems to facilitate entrepreneurial efforts starting while students are in middle school, putting students in real contexts to support and develop workplace acumen.

Empowerment Collaborative can:

- Empower students to develop skills and dispositions needed in the world of work.
- Engage students in real-world problem solving as the approach to learning through project-based experiences.
- Foster entrepreneurial mindsets so students see personal possibilities in the world of work.



Workplace Environment

Students are empowered to develop skills and dispositions needed in the world of work.

Authentic Learning and Assessment

Students engage in real-world problem solving as the approach to learning

Entrepreneurial Mindset

Students explore personal possibilities in the world of work.

