

Building Up in the Middle Grades to Achieve Breakthrough Performance in High School

School Reinvention Symposium for Grades 6-12

Omni Shoreham Hotel • Washington, D.C.
Friday, October 27 – Sunday, October 29, 2006

The best high schools in America do not attribute their success to one defining initiative or program but rather to a consistent and unrelenting build up of activity system-wide that eventually resulted in breakthrough performance at the high school. To ensure that all students are prepared for success in their lives beyond school, the middle grades must be made part of the broader secondary school reinvention movement.

The School Reinvention Symposium for Grades 6-12 will:

- Show what successful reinvention looks like in different types of high schools and in the middle grades.
- Provide in-depth analysis of the unifying components and characteristics found in all types of successful high schools and all types of middle level configurations.
- Help you and your leadership team to think through and develop a process to move from a traditional school to one that is highly effective for *all* students.

Come as a Team

Middle level teams and high school teams will find this symposium valuable. Ideally, a team will have both middle level and high school educators.

Symposium Components

Panel discussions by representatives of diverse successful middle level and high school models

Presentations on middle level/high school collaboration strategies and change theory

In-depth discussions of the characteristics of successful schools and how to adapt their best practices, where appropriate, in your school

Quality time with national school reform leaders

Work sessions and action planning using Learning Criteria developed by the International Center with funding from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

Time for collaboration and sharing

Featured Presenters

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The School Reinvention Symposium for Grades 6-12 will explore in depth the approaches identified in the successful schools involved in the International Center's reform initiatives, conducted in consultation with CCSSO and the Gates Foundation. Participants will have opportunities to interact with education leaders who have implemented innovative programs.

Rigor, relevance and relationships are at the heart of school reinvention. Learn how to:

- create a culture and learning environment that promotes high achievement
- start redesign by focusing on struggling learners first
- use data effectively to make instructional decisions
- create a dynamic 21st century curriculum that is both rigorous and relevant
- design transition strategies to meet the needs of students better
- increase academic success for special education students
- use career-technical education and the arts to help students achieve academic excellence
- employ developmentally appropriate practices that actively engage all students in learning
- teach reading across the secondary curriculum
- establish innovative strategies for collaboration between middle level and high school leaders
- garner community support

The School Reinvention Symposium for Grades 6-12 will focus your thinking and motivate you to move ahead with your improvement efforts with greater efficiency. You will leave with innovative ideas and a renewed sense of purpose as well as a practical plan for change in your school.



All schools have their own DNA. American schools serve a wide range of students, communities, and families. They do this through diverse organizational structures, administrative policies, settings, curricula, and instructional approaches.

No one type of school organization is the best. All models can be successful provided they offer a dynamic curriculum and rigorous and relevant instruction in a learning environment that promotes sustained student relationships with adults and is dedicated to high expectations for all.

Earn Graduate Credit for Attending the Symposium

Participants can sign up to receive three hours of graduate credit as part of the Symposium. Details will be included with the registration confirmation.



Our work at the International Center reveals that while there is no one formula for school success, certain characteristics appear to be consistent:

- Providing rigorous academic instruction around students' interests, learning styles, and aptitudes while employing a variety of approaches to increase student engagement and sense of accomplishment and belonging.
- An unrelenting commitment by administrators and teachers to excellence for all students, with a particular emphasis on literacy across the curriculum
- A laser-like focus on data at the classroom level to make daily instructional decisions for individual students
- A commitment of resources and attention to students as they transition from the middle grades to high school
- A rigorous and relevant 12th grade year
- High-quality curriculum and instruction that focuses on rigor, relevance, and relationships
- Solid and dedicated leadership
- Relationships driven by guiding principles
- Sustained and supported professional development

The **School Reinvention Symposium** for Grades 6-12 is designed for schools that are just setting out on the reinvention process and for schools that have been on the journey for several years and are looking for support, resources, and assistance with next steps to stay on the path of continuous improvement.

Representatives of high schools and middle level models will analyze these characteristics and discuss designs and strategies to achieve them.

Hotel Information

Omni Shoreham Hotel

2500 Calvert St. NW
Washington, DC 20008

The School Reinvention Symposium for Grades 6-12 starts on Friday, October 27 at 8:30 a.m. and ends on Sunday, October 29 at 12 noon.

Washington's largest AAA Four-Diamond Hotel. Nestled on 11 acres in Rock Creek Park, this historic landmark offers a resort atmosphere in a dynamic city. One block from the Red Line Metro and three blocks from the National Zoo.

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Registration Information

The School Reinvention Symposium for Grades 6-12 starts Friday, October 27 at 8:30 a.m. and ends Sunday, October 29 at 12 noon.

- Registration fee includes:**
- Admission to all sessions
 - Discounts on International Center resources
 - Morning coffee/baked goods, afternoon refreshments
 - Handouts and other materials

Register online at www.LeaderEd.com/Symposium

Deadline

Space is limited, so please register early. You will receive confirmation via e-mail, so please be sure to provide e-mail address. After October 1, add a late fee of \$50 per person.

Cancellation Policy

Cancellations requested in writing before October 1 will be subject to a \$25 processing fee. Cancellations requested between October 2 and 20 will receive a 50% refund. No refunds will be issued after that date, but you may send another person in your place.

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