

Virginia Student-Led Assessment Networked Improvement Community (NIC)

With the support of the Assessment for Learning Project, EdLeader21 has partnered with Fairfax County Public Schools to create a cross-district Networked Improvement Community (NIC) across Virginia focused on student-led assessment for deeper learning. A NIC creates the “purposeful collective action needed to solve complex problems” (Bryk, Gomez & Grunow, 2011). The Virginia Student-Led Assessment NIC includes teams from 12 EdLeader21 member districts in Virginia.

What problem are we trying to solve?

Students are not leading their own assessment for learning

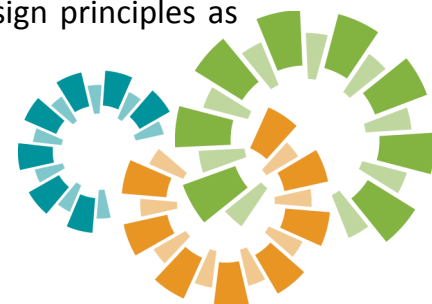
Our current AIM statement:

Our VA Student-led Assessment NIC aims to have 10,000 students across 12 participating districts engage in a student-led assessment experience by June 2019.

Student-Led Assessment

Student-led assessment involves students as stakeholders in their learning process. This means that students need opportunities for meaningful learning and they need to reflect on that learning. They also need feedback from their teachers and peers so they can set goals for their future learning and ultimately measure their growth toward both mastery of the content and VDOE’s Profile of a Graduate attributes.

During our work as a NIC, we have developed the following draft design principles as important to include as part of student-led assessment experiences:



1. Voice and choice demonstrated in the assessment experience and products
2. Assessment task and products are meaningful to the student
3. Students set goals, self-assess and reflect on their learning/growth.
4. Feedback occurs throughout the process
5. Equity: These opportunities are accessible to ALL students

While each of the twelve districts within the NIC will work to implement steps toward the goal of student-led learning that align with their current assessment approaches, some possible ideas include:

- Developing a student-curated portfolio system and Capstone assessments
- Implementing rubrics that allow students to self-assess their growth toward PoG attributes.
- Providing opportunities for students to present their work during “exhibitions of learning” where they share their work with the community.

Participating Districts

- Albemarle County Public Schools
- Chesterfield County Public Schools
- Cumberland County Public Schools
- Fairfax County Public Schools
- Frederick County Public Schools
- Harrisonburg City Public Schools
- Henry County Public Schools
- Loudoun County Public Schools
- Louisa County Public Schools
- Roanoke County Public Schools
- Shenandoah County Public Schools
- Virginia Beach City Public Schools

Questions

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