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Student Voice Overview

HOW STUDENT VOICE SUPPORTS SCHOOL LEADERSHIP

Student Voice strategies align with school leadership goals and can enhance the teaching and learning experience for both teachers and students while equipping them both with skills to be successful. It can **enhance instructional leadership**, **drive continuous improvement**, **increase leadership visibility,** **support collaborate planning**, and **facilitate profesional learning**.

STUDENT VOICE CONTINUUM FRAMEWORK

Student voice ranges on a **spectrum** from minimal to full engagement. **Each** of the six stages **builds** upon the last.

1	**Expression**
2	**Consultation**
3	**Participation**
4	**Partnership**
5	**Activism**
6	**Leadership**

TOP RECOMMENDATIONS FOR STRENGTHENING STUDENT VOCE

1. **Commit to Student Voice as a Core Value:**
   - Establish a shared definition of student voice within the school community.
   - Communicate its importance through policies and practices.

2. **Build Structural Support for Student Engagement:**
   - Create student-led advisory groups and strengthen existing structures such as student councils.
   - Provide professional development for educators on facilitating student engagement.

3. **Ensure Inclusivity and Representation:**
   - Identify and address barriers to participation for underrepresented student groups.
   - Develop policies to promote equitable student involvement in decision-making.

4. **Develop and Support Student Voice Champions:**
   - Designate educators and students as advocates for student voice initiatives.
   - Provide training and peer mentorship opportunities to enhance leadership skills.

5. **Measure and Sustain Impact:**
   - Develop feedback loops to ensure student input translates into action.
   - Regularly assess and refine student voice initiatives based on measurable outcomes.

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Benefits   **Barriers**   **Strategies**

Ready to get started?

The **Student Voice Readiness Guide** helps schools assess their readiness to incorporate student voice and engagement activities. It includes a series of questions and checklists to evaluate current practices and identify actionable steps to enhance student participation.