Improving Outcomes for All High School Students Through the Development of Equity-Focused College and Career Pathways

By combining rigorous academics with career-technical education and work-based learning, high schools can raise graduation rates, lower dropout rates and increase college and career readiness for all students, including disadvantaged student groups.

Beyond High School from Pivot Learning leverages the Linked Learning approach to education to prepare students for college and career. Beyond High School collaborates with districts and schools to redesign their learning environments to include:

- An integrated program of academic and CTE study
- Work-based learning opportunities
- A comprehensive student support program

Support to Implement College and Career Pathways

Pivot Learning provides support to educators as they design and integrate equity-focused college and career pathways into the curriculum and work toward Linked Learning certification. One of the many resources we offer is the Pathway Self-Study Tool.

The Pathway Self-Study Tool helps pathway teams continuously assess and improve their pathways implementation. Teams can evaluate their processes, progress, and impact as they put in place the foundational structures of a Linked Learning pathway (Silver Certification) and then build a high-quality Linked Learning college and career experience for students (Gold Certification).
The Pathway Self-Study Tool is designed to be used by members of pathway administrative and instructional teams to facilitate thoughtful reflection upon their program successes, challenges, and progress metrics. Wherever your team is in the design and implementation process, you will find this tool to be helpful when considering areas in which your pathways could improve or grow.

Here are a few of the ways in which Beyond High School clients are using the Pathway Self-Study Tool.

- To assess their readiness to implement a pathway.
- To create a data-driven review of current pathway status and also capture candid assessment of successes and challenges, providing qualitative data to inform areas where teams can modify their program to better meet student and educator needs.
- To ensure they have considered key aspects of a holistic pathway program of study aligned with the Linked Learning quality standards.
- For teams currently going through Linked Learning certification, to identify the strengths of their programs that they scale or build upon and to identify areas that need additional work.

The Pathway Self Study tool can also help educators interested in reshaping and redefining the role of career technical education (CTE) in alignment with Perkins, Strong-Workforce Programs (SWP), and Career Technical Education Incentive Grants (CTEIG).

To learn more about how Beyond High School can help redesign teaching and learning to better meet the needs of students and your community, visit pivotlearning.org/beyond-high-school/ or call 510.250.2543.