



Design Your School

TARGET GRADES

High School

OBJECTIVE

Students will identify something they want to change about their school

MATERIALS

Paper

Markers

PREP TIME REQUIRED

N/A

ACTIVITY TIME REQUIRED

50 minutes

ACTIVITY INSTRUCTIONS

Break out into small groups of 4 students each

Students will think about the following prompt in their groups: If you could design a school that you would like to attend, what would it look and feel like? Use words or drawing to share your ideas.

Students can consider questions like... What would the adults in the building be like? What would the students be like? What would you want to learn more about or study in class? How would you be treated?

After completing their writing/drawing brainstorm, have students discuss the following questions in their groups:

- What were the changes that you made in your school? How was it different than now?
- Why did you choose the changes you want to see happen?
- Pick one change you made in your school design you most want to see happen, how would you start to make this change?
- Who would you have to talk to in the building to make this change happen? In the community?

Have the groups do a short share out to the entire class about their school design, and one of the changes they most want to make. If you are limited on time, you can also have two groups pair up to share rather than to the entire class. You can also post the poster paper on the walls, so that the groups can do a gallery walk of the other school designs.

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