Begin · The XQ Design Process

The XQ Design Principles

Step 1 – Research

Review the XQ School Design Principles with your team.

Break into six groups and assign each group a Design Principle. Ask: why is it important to be thoughtful about applying this principle? How bold should you be? Spend 10-15 minutes developing your argument.

Step 2 – Reflect

Now come back together and invite each group to present their ideas. Why is your Design Principle the most important? What are the most compelling points about each Design Principle?

Ask yourselves, how will this Design Principle show up in our new or redesigned school? Be sure to note your answers.

Why is this XQ School Design Principle especially important?

Design Principles	Why it Matters	Design Components
Strong mission and culture		
Meaningful, engaged learning		
Caring, trusting relationships		
Youth voice and choice		
Smart use of time, space, and tech		
Community partnerships		