

Teacher Collaboration

Guiding Question:

How can we make sure professional collaboration works for teachers and benefits students?

Step 1 – Research

Surveys show that teachers want to learn and grow collaboratively, and research has found that collaboration can improve student learning. Yet many teachers say that their current collaborative meeting time is frustrating and ineffective.

Read these tips on teacher collaboration from three XQ Educators from Tiger Ventures and Grand Rapids Public Museum School. What three takeaways are most relevant for your school? What would you add?

Step 2 – Reflect

Share the results with your team and discuss these questions:

- What “guiding principles” for teacher collaboration should we adopt for our school?
- What practices can we put in place to make sure teachers have time to collaborate, and that the time they spend together is valuable and productive? How can we bring a spirit of collaboration to our whole school community?
- How do we imagine this increased collaboration improving student learning and student outcomes?

Takeaways on Teacher Collaboration

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What else?	

