

Woodside High School; Woodside, CA

The Context

Nestled on the peninsula south of San Francisco and just north of Silicon Valley, Woodside High School is transforming the way students learn and prepare for the future. In the spring of 2011, Woodside High School adopted the 8 Conditions as its revised Expected Schoolwide Learning Results (ESLR's) going through the shared decision-making model employed by the school. Woodside also redefined its mission statement after much stakeholder input and discussion involving the voice of staff and students around the 3 Guiding Principles. The mission statement is now "All Woodside High School students can and will learn."



Implementation

In addition to adopting the 8 Conditions as their ESLR's, the staff determined to create an Aspirations Professional Learning Committee or Collab II, that meets monthly, involving students and staff as partners for adopting, adapting, and embedding the 8 Conditions and Voice of all stakeholders. As part of the Western Association Schools and Colleges (WASC) mid-cycle review, they recommend that WHS continue to develop lesson plans and units that consider data from the QSV survey results.



The Aspirations Collaborative also helps to plan and implement 50-minute Aspirations Periods that take place each quarter. These periods are designed, developed, and deployed by different sets of student leadership groups who use the schools' Quaglia School Voice survey data to guide the students lessons and plans. Staff and students also participate in focus groups on a regular basis, as the school community has adopted listening and learning as much as they can before decide on what path to lead the school down.