

Matrix of Partner Initiatives

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The Institute for Research and Reform in Education (IRRE) teams with schools and school districts to close the achievement gap. The Institute created First Things First (FTF), a school reform model that focuses on strengthening relationships between students, teachers and families (e.g. through its Family Advocate System) and establishing better teaching and learning through the creation of smaller learning communities and innovative instructional strategies (e.g. increasing instructional time in language arts and math). IRRE publishes and publicizes policy and research papers and helps partner schools and districts set up, sustain and build on the FTF framework.

	Research	Policy	Practice	Public Engagement
Innovations & restructuring	X	X	X	
Academic standards & assessment	X	X	X	
Preparation of teachers, principals & youth workers	X	X	X	
Relevant and connected learning experiences	X	X	X	
Alignment of secondary & post-secondary education				
Active, powerful, & knowledgeable communities	X	X	X	
Personalization & support for high school-aged youth	X	X	X	



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