

## Matrix of Partner Initiatives

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MDRC is a nonprofit, nonpartisan social policy research organization dedicated to learning what works to improve the well-being of low-income people. MDRC’s education research is focused on programs with the potential to improve educational and youth development outcomes for large numbers of low-income students. ECY evaluations of comprehensive school reform models include the Accelerated Schools Project, Career Academies Adoption Study, Project GRAD, Scaling Up First Things First, Talent Development Middle Schools and Talent Development High Schools. ECY projects have focused on small learning communities, school-to-career programs, curriculum and instruction reforms, standards-based reforms, feeder system and district reforms, the achievement gap, after school programs, and programs that extend career, college and other development opportunities and services to youth, both inside and outside of school.

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