

Reinventing the American High School for the 21st Century: Strengthening a New Vision for the American High School Through the Experiences and Resources of Career and Technical Education

Recommendations to help guide the redesign of the American high school:

- 1. Establish a Clear System Goal of Career and College Readiness for All Students.**
- 2. Create a Positive School Culture that Stresses Personalization in Planning and Decision-making.**
- 3. Create a Positive School Culture that Stresses Personalization in Relationships.**
- 4. Dramatically Improve How and Where Academic Content is Taught.**
- 5. Create Incentives for Students to Pursue the Core Curriculum in an Interest-based Context.**
- 6. Support High Quality Teaching in all Content Areas.**
- 7. Offer Flexible Learning Opportunities to Encourage Re-entry and Completion.**
- 8. Create System Incentives and Supports for Connection of Career and Technical Education and High School Redesign Efforts.**
- 9. Move Beyond “Seat-Time” and Narrowly Defined Knowledge and Skills.**

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