Inclusive Innovation: Core Tenets





The foundation for Inclusive Innovation is anchored in a set of six tenets: four Practice Tenets that guide the daily process of engaging in education R&D and two Impact Tenets that guide the outcomes. Together, they define how the Center for Inclusive Innovation deliberately supports school district and community teams collaborating with researchers and developers in co-constructing an R&D culture that enables equitable leadership and contribution.

Practice Tenets

Fundamental to the model is the understanding that **practice informs product** and, therefore, solutions that enable historically and systematically excluded students to thrive must reflect inclusive practices.



Collective Ownership

The work is co-led, co-researched and co-designed by collaborators who are reflective of the diversity of communities and schools to ensure mutual benefit.



Student Voice and Leadership

Students are collaborators and their perspectives are prioritized in the creation of solutions to educational challenges.



Context Expertise and Proximity

Context expertise is emphasized to center the history, identities, and perspectives of those with lived experiences relevant to the educational challenge.



Continuity of Equity

Deeply integrated research and design practices address the intersections and conditions that impact students.

Impact Tenets

We conceive of impacts in two key ways—the **progress** towards equity is multidimensional, reflecting children and youth well-being and learning through equitable access, participation, and benefit; and engagement in Inclusive Innovation inherently builds capacity for communities to sustain R&D to tackle educational challenges in the future.

Reimagine Progress

Progress measures must be multidimensional to ensure the access, participation, and benefit of those most impacted.



Build Capacity

The process resources communities to sustain capacity for R&D into the future.



To learn more about the Center for Inclusive Innovation's core tenets and the practices and solutions that

have been generated through Inclusive Innovation, read "A New Narrative: How Unlocking the Power of R&D through Inclusive Innovation Can Transform Education," available online at digitalpromise.org/ ANewNarrative.







