Envision Education's Portfolio-Defense Assessment System



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How did you know that you were ready to graduate?





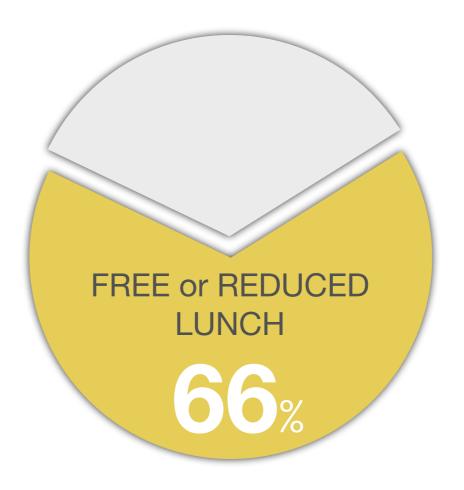


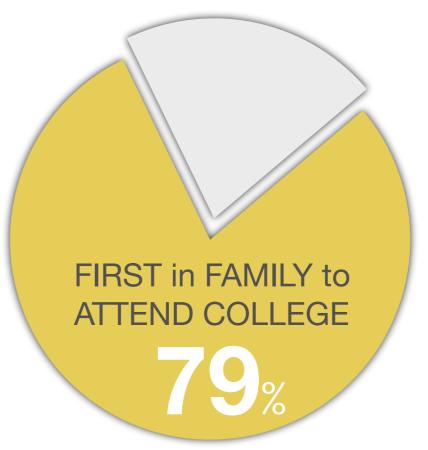
Envision Schools transform the lives of students—especially those who will be the first in their family to attend college—by preparing them for success in college and in life.



ENVISION SCHOOLS

Teaching Success





100%

meet the course requirements to attend a 4 year public college in California.

>90%

attend 2 or 4 year college.

>70%

attend a 4-year college.

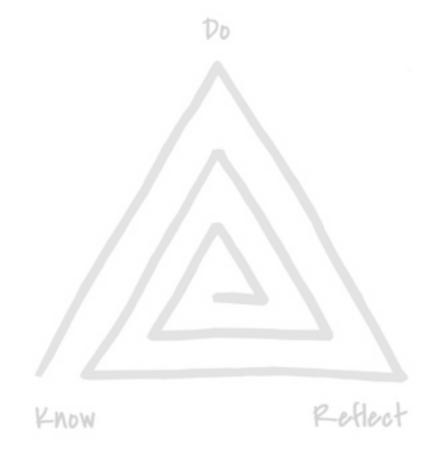
>90%

re-enroll in their 2nd year of college.





An Envision Graduate is a Knower, a Doer, and a Reflecter.





Rhetoric about how you say something.

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Rhetorical Appeals

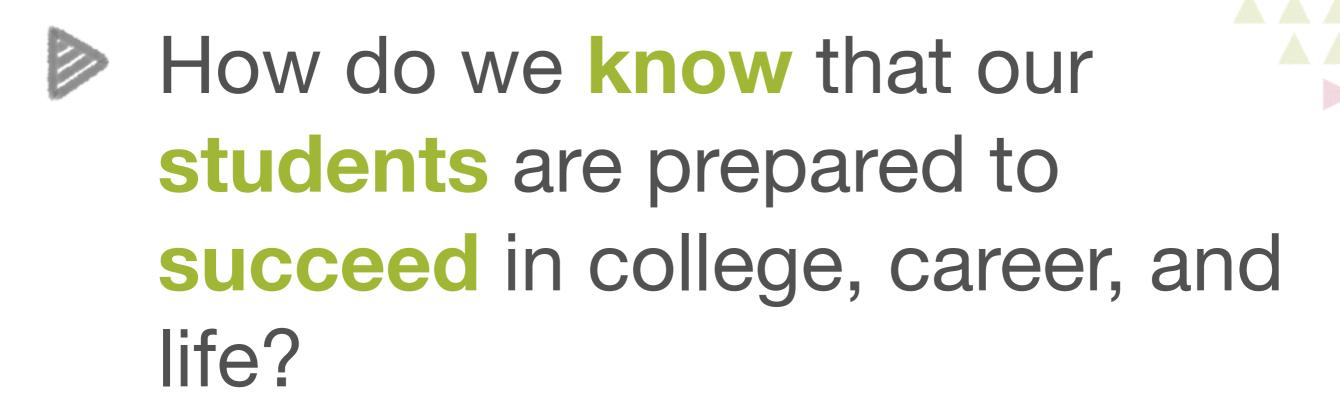


What's the value?

What's the challenge?



Our Essential Question





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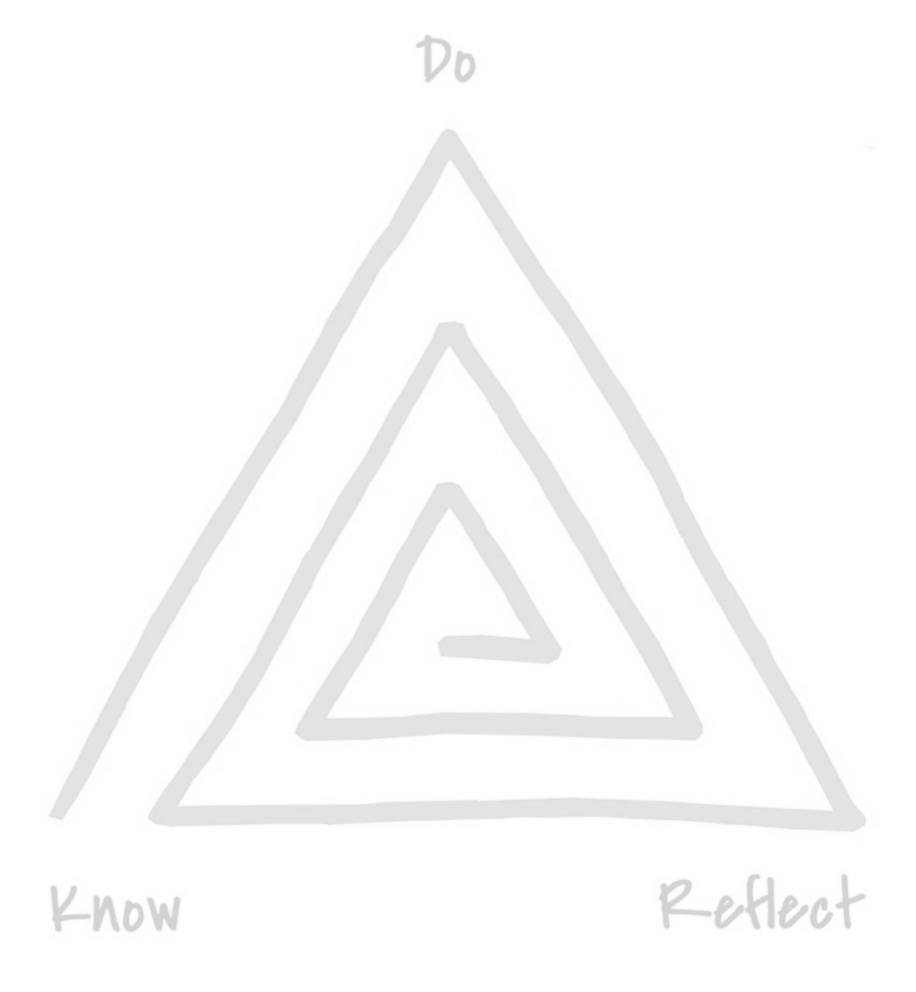


How do we measure what our school stands for?



Our Session . . .

- What defines a performance assessment system
- Why our hopes for our students demand it
- How portfolio assessment & defenses of learning can get us there
- Workshop time to play with these concepts thinking of your learning community

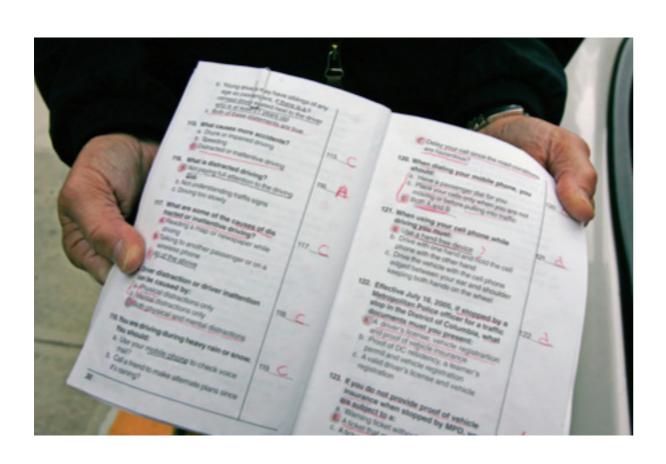




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What is performance assessment?

Permit Exam vs. Driver's Test





performance assessment: a baseline definition

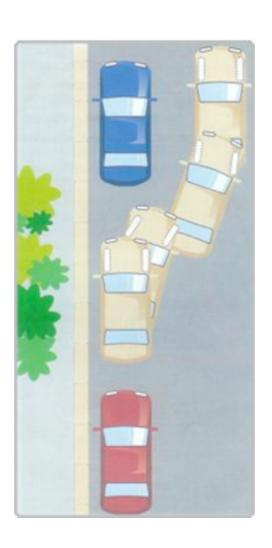
- product or performance
- application of <u>targeted</u> skill(s)

Test of a true performance assessment . . .

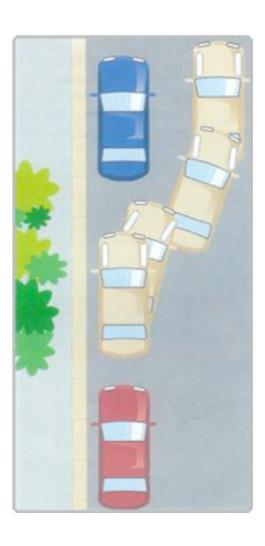
before



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after





performance assessment system

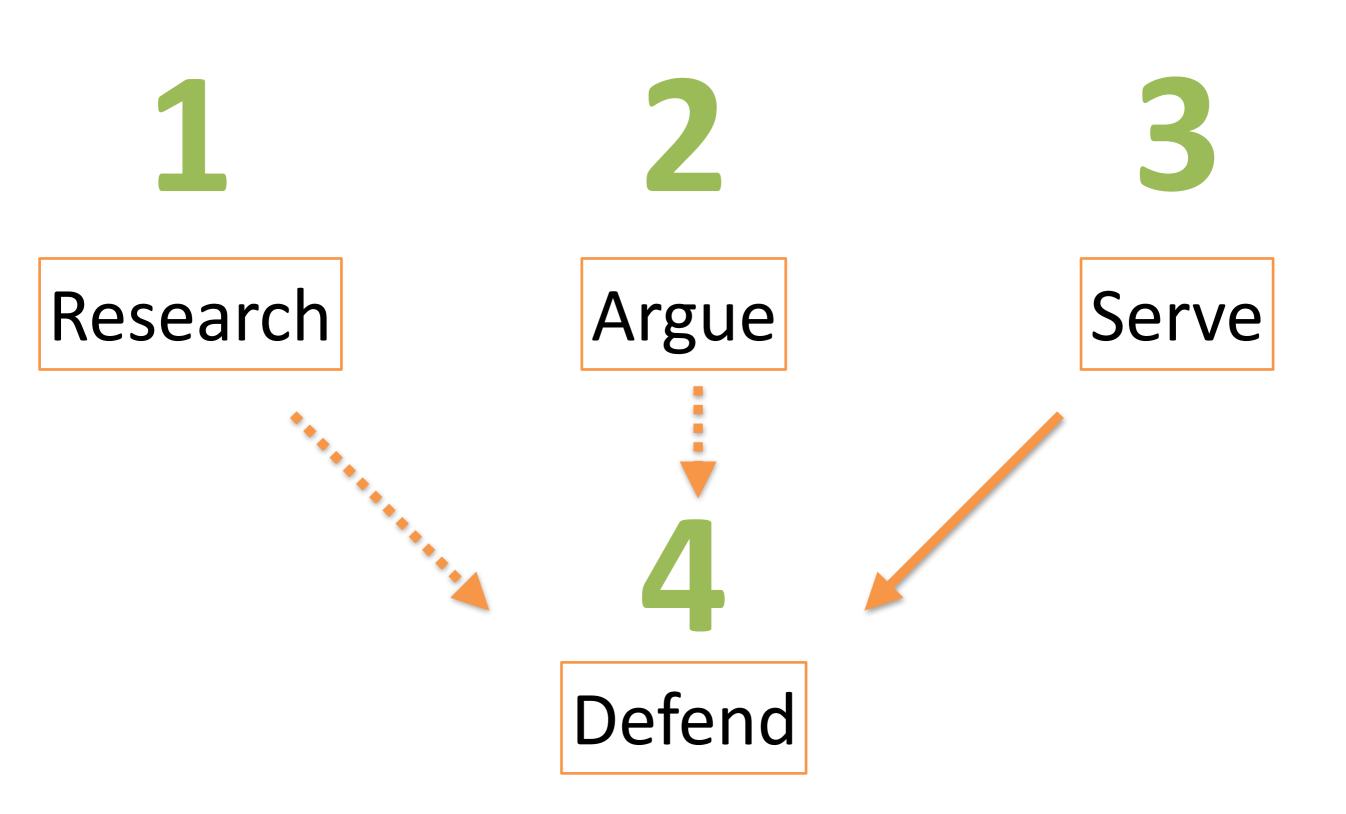
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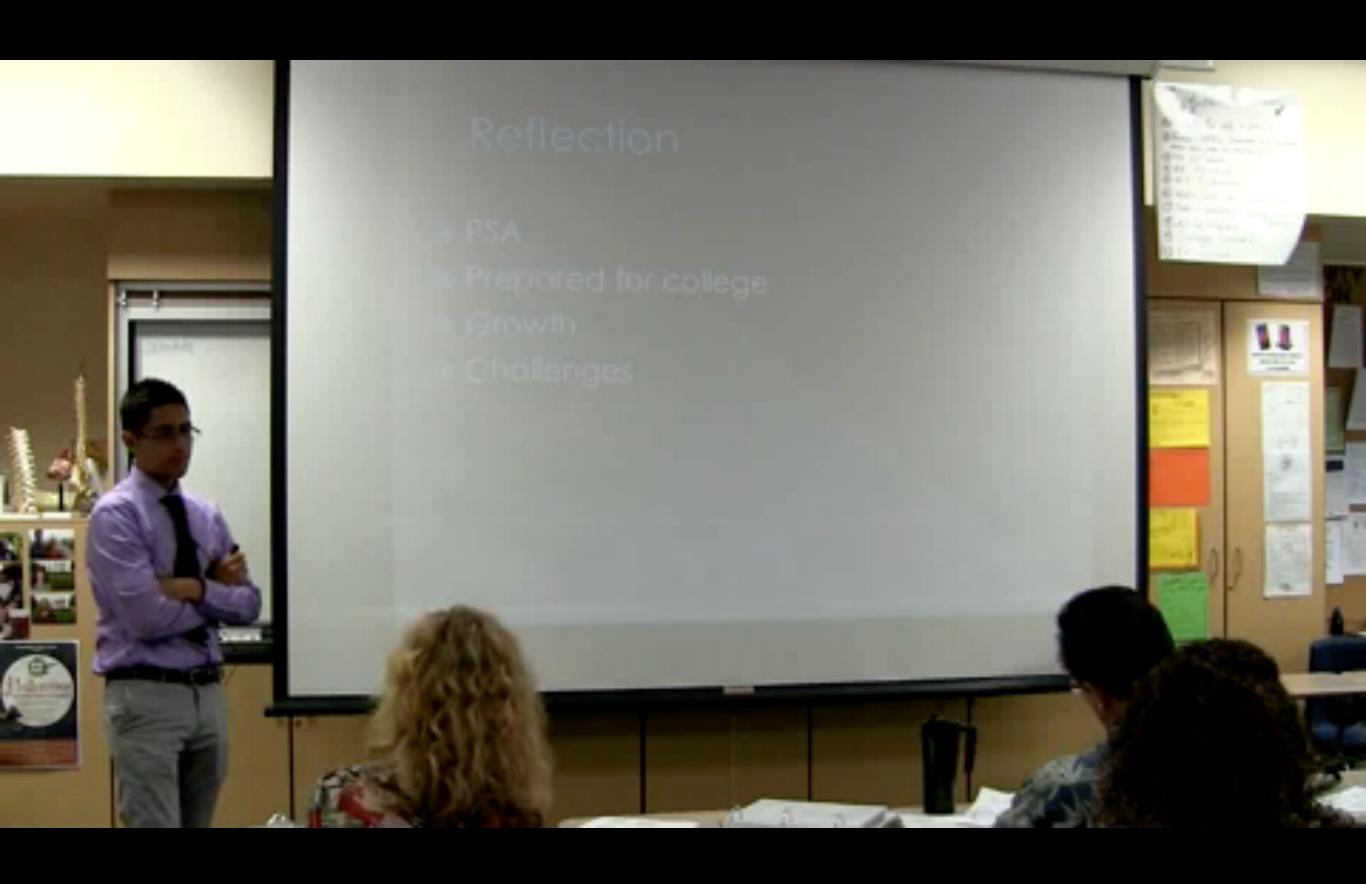


KNOW

Why our hopes for our students demand performance assessment?

Senior Year at ____ High





What are this school's pathway outcomes?

Health Professions High School



HPHS: Pathway (PRIDE) Outcomes

- √ P: Powerfully prepared for college and career
- √ R: Responsible citizen
- √ I: Independent critical thinker
- ✓ D: Determined life long learner
- ✓ E: Excellent communicator

show, don't tell

Now, consider your desired schoolwide outcomes...

What's at least one thing you want your graduates to do that can only be measured through performance assessment?

Why?



KNOW

How portfolio-defense can get us to our visions



ENVISION MODEL

Define a **graduate profile** for the learner

Design a performance assessment that measures that graduate profile



Implement pedagogies & school structures that lead to success on that performance assessment



school mission

state standards

deeper learning skills



College Success Portfolio Overview

Our BIG Goal

At Envision Schools we are focused on rigor. By rigor we don't mean more content. We mean complexity: the ability to think like an historian or mathematician, the ability to know and use the leadership skills necessary in college and life, and the ability to reflect about one's personal journey as a learner. In short, we are about students knowing, doing and reflecting.

Profile of an Envision Schools Graduate

Envision Schools graduates are ready for success in college and future careers because they know, do and reflect.

Envision graduates KNOW. They:

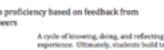
- · Master academic subjects which makes it
 - o meet the University of California's A-G Requirements
 - o pass the California High School Exit Exam
 - o show proficiency on the California Standards Tests
 - o perform successfully on college entrance exams

Envision graduates DO. They:

- Use core competencies required to perform the role of a college student: inquiry, analysis, research, and creative expression in core content areas
- Use 21st Century Leadership Skills: Communicate Powerfully, Think Critically, Collaborate Productively, and Complete Projects Effectively
- · Participate in at least one Workplace Learning Experience in which they do real work and complete a project that not only benefits their workplace, but demonstrates their ability to use leadership skills as well as inquire, analyze, research, or express themselves creatively in the workplace

Envision graduates REFLECT. They:

- Recognize and acknowledge growth, accomplishments and successes as well as areas of future growth and development
- · Revise work to proficiency based on feedback from teachers and peers





A cycle of knowing, doing, and reflecting exists at each level of the portfolio experience. Ultimately, students build towards becoming a balanced graduate, who knows their academic subjects, shows what they can do through their competencies and leadership skills, and reflects on their learning in order to deepen their knowledge and skills. Within each of the competencies, students also cycle through knowing (learning content), doing (applying), and reflecting as they bring their artifact to proficiency.

graduate profile

21st Century Skills

Journey Through Life Skills

- **❖ We plan together** (actively contribute, participate)
- **We encourage** (support all members)
- **We lead** (take action when needed)
- **We follow** (take direction when needed)
- **❖ We use expertise** (use our strengths)
- **We share responsibility** (distribute work)
- **We do our part** (our individual responsibility)
- We network (seek additional expertise, go beyond what's in front of us)

Working together toward a common goal!

Finishing what you start, with your best effort!

Business Entrepreneur Skills

- **❖ We set goals** (what is the end product?)
- ❖ We create a plan (identify needs, make a map)
- **❖ We benchmark** (set deadlines)
- **❖ We draft** (make best attempt)
- **We revise** (get feedback, improve)
- We use resources (access support)

Communication Skills

- **We organize** (structure logically)
- **❖ We listen** (seek to clarify)
- **We code-switch** (know the audience)
- **❖ We present** (deliver/illustrate info & ideas)
- **❖ We use strategies** (plan our medium, format information, tone, language)
- **❖ We engage** (use strategies to deliver, motivate, engage)

Expressing yourself so that others understand!

Thinking deeply in order to create a new understanding!

Academic & Career Skills

- **❖ We identify** (name it, explain it)
- **❖ We analyze** (break it down)
- **❖ We evaluate** (judge it)
- **We justify** (argue it with evidence)
- **We compare** (make connections)
- **We synthesize** (put it together)
- We develop (use knowledge in a new way)



The LAHSA pathway outcomes are a set of 21st century skill sets and abilities to support student achievement in their future plans and extended education.

ARTS- Creatively employ a set of technical and/or performance skills to execute a vision.

CITIZENSHIP- Contribute to the global and local community as culturally aware and informed citizens and leaders.

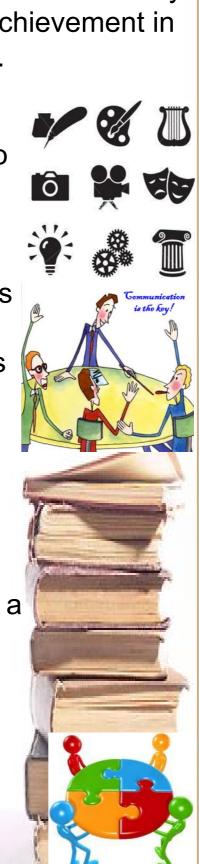
COMMUNICATION- Articulate ideas in a clear and organized fashion in multiple ways.

CRITICAL THINKING- Strategically and systematically solve problems through analysis and inquiry.

COLLABORATION- Maintain accountability within the dynamics of a team.

FORWARD THINKING-

Independently set goals and implement a plan, reflect on current academic and postsecondary goals, and exercise persistence.



GRADUATE PROFILE

OUR GRADUATES...

CRITICAL THINKER •-----

- ·Analyze and evaluate information critically and competently
- ·Propose solutions based upon studied data
- ·Have the ability to quickly and easily adapt knowledge and skills to new environments (cognitive flexibility)
- ·Demonstrate perseverance
- ·Effectively solve problems

CREATIVE&INNOVATIVE THINKER ◆

- ·Create original work that demonstrates thoughtful and reflective approaches
- ·Provide original solutions to problems, analysis, modeling, prototyping, and testing
- Use obstacles and setbacks as opportunities to learn, reflect, and improve

COMMUNICATOR •-----

- ·Acquire multilingual verbal and written skills
- ·Advocate for their future and communicate personal values
- ·Write with precision, clarity and coherence appropriate to task and audience
- ·Listen effectively to decipher meaning, values, attitudes, and intentions
- ·Deliver information effectively in multiple formats

COLLABORATOR •-----

- ·Share responsibility for collaborative work, and value individual contributions made by each team member
- ·Practice interpersonal and social skills in order to build positive relationships with peers and adults
- ·Work effectively on diverse teams
- ·Build consensus while making decisions



PUSD graduate profile is aligned to district and pathway initiatives. Our guidelines address rigor, relevance, relationships, 21st Century Skills and college and career readiness. There are seven

major components to our graduate profile

·Gather, filter and synthesize information from a wide variety of sources ·Create new ideas based upon strong content knowledge ·Possess self-discipline and appreciate the importance of

goal-setting ·Acquire strong organizational skills to support academic and personal

mastery and academic skills in reading, writing, and math)

PREPARED FOR COLLEGE & CAREER

·Have the option to complete courses that satisfy A-G requirements for

·Demonstrate academic and professional excellence (including content

University of California and California State University eligibility ·Are prepared for the post-secondary program of their choice in college, career, vocation or employment

·Are reliable, punctual and professional with proper etiquette

·Possess financial literacy and basic money management skills

·Are equipped with a range of interpersonal, academic, vocational, and technological skills

·Possess career skills that will enable them to compete locally and globall

EXTERNAL & INTERNAL VALUES-CULTURALLY COMPETENT CITIZEN

- ·Are contributing members of society
- ·Understand their own and others' cultural heritage
- ·Use their cultural knowledge to engage in a diverse world
- ·Value and use the arts as a fundamental form of human expression
- ·Behave with integrity; are responsible for their behavior, actions and
- ·Are compassionate and have empathy toward others
- ·Volunteer and give back to the community
- ·Value and support family and community
- ·Connect learning to local, national and global events
- ·Return to PUSD community

HEALTHY MIND & BODY

- ·Become lifelong learners and find joy and satisfaction in learning
- · Are positively motivated
- ·Are internally driven and resilient to overcome challenges
- ·Have respect for themselves and others
- ·Build self-confidence and pursue their passions
- · Are independent and self-sufficient
- · Are resourceful and willing to take risks to reach their goals









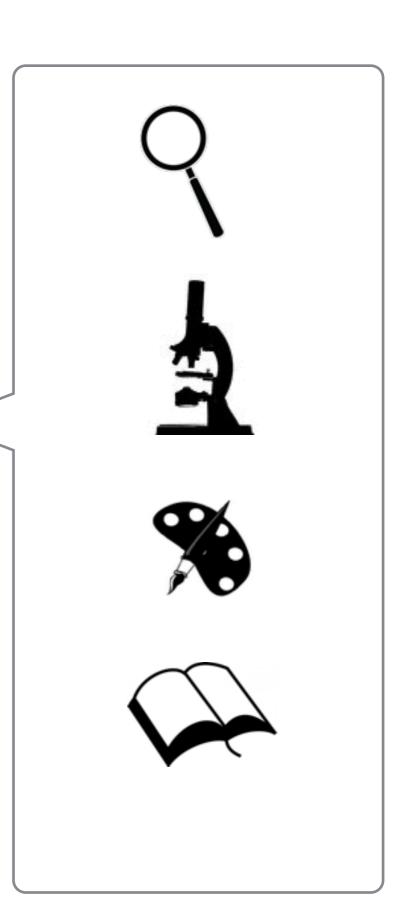
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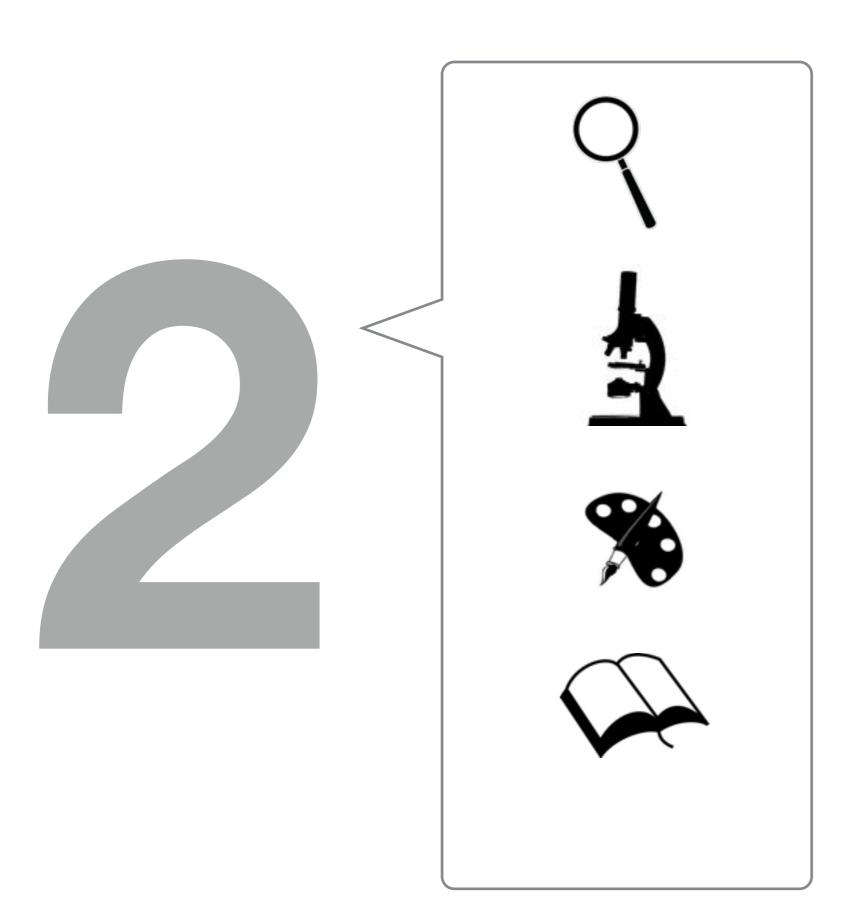








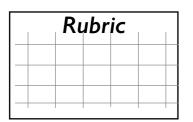






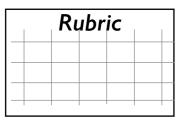


research



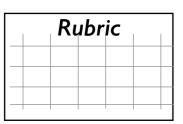


inquiry



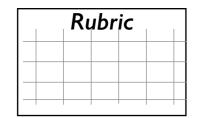


creative expression





analysis





Envision Schools College Success Portfolio Performance Assessment: SCIENTIFIC INQUIRY - DRAF

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Envision Schools College Success Portfolio Performance Assessment: SCIENTIFIC INQUIRY - DR

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Envision Schools College Success Portfolio Performance Task Requirements: English Language Arts Research or Argumentation

To demonstrate their mastery of the Research competency in English Language Arts students must select a writing sample that demonstrates the ability to research and investigate a topic or issue, and that that embodies the following expectations, which are aligned to the Common Core Reading and Writing Standards for English Language Arts:

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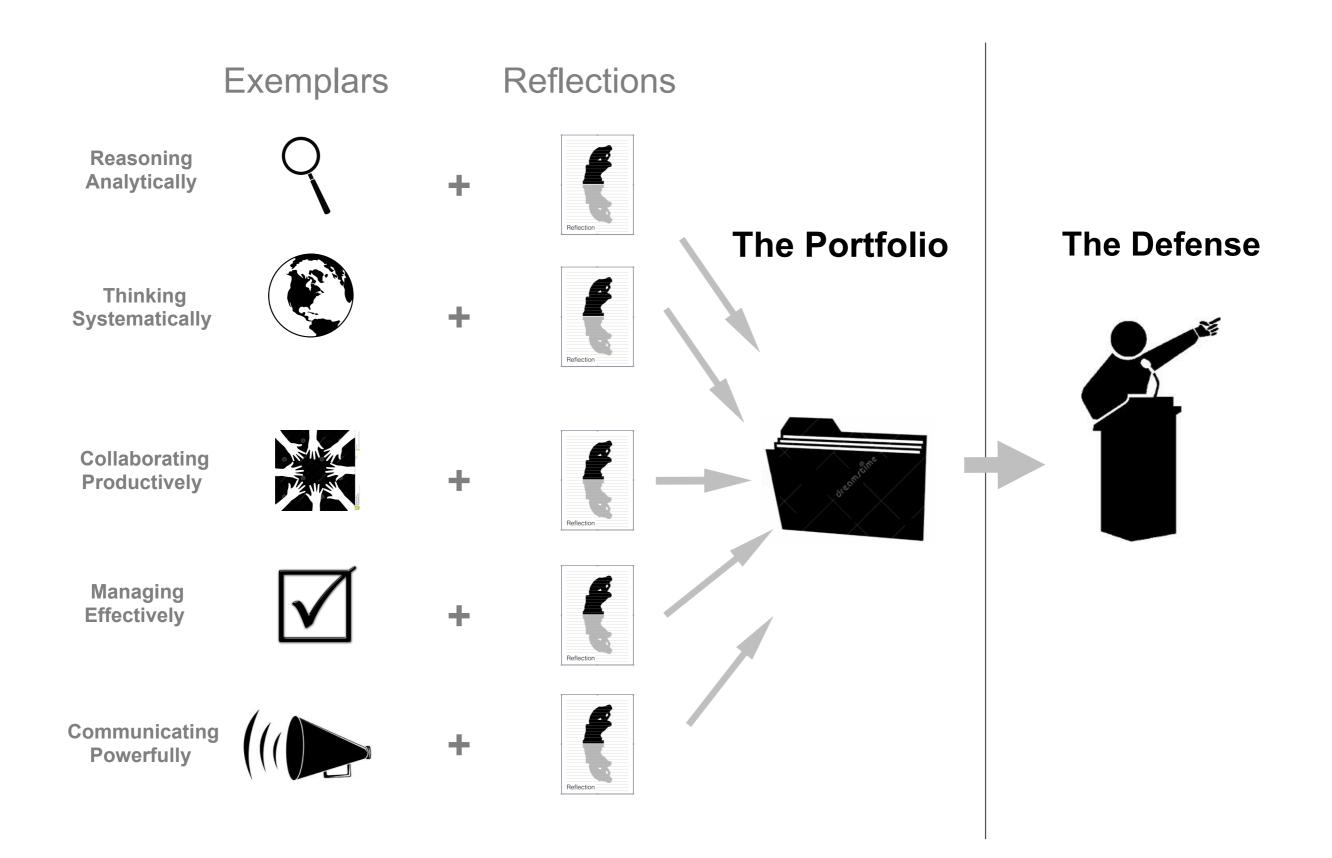
What is the evidence that the student can deeply reflect on performance, growth as a learner and ability to apply this in the future?

Knows: Explains goals, purpose and academic skills of artifact

Cites textual evidence accurately and

- Does: Explains process, decisions and Leadership Skills used
- Reflects: Describes impact of artifact on self, future and growth as a writer

The SEEQS Portfolio-Defense: An Overview

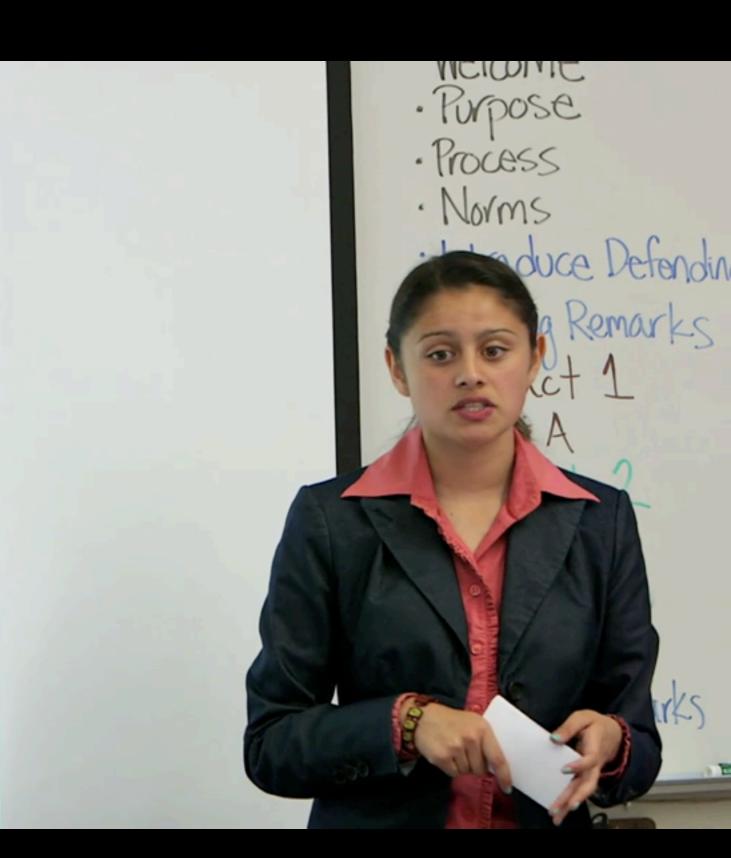


portfolio-defense in school systems

- students select work and present as evidence
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Elections Spanish Brochure

Spanish Language
Propositions on 2012 CA ballot
Team platform paper
Pages





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design for the learner's journey to success



Structures & Pedagogies

- Project-based learning (PBL)
- School schedule that supports PBL
- Regular exhibitions of learning
- Advisory system
- Common planning time for teachers
- Student internships
- Competency-based grading

Our Model



Our Model

Student Defense Portfolio Portfolio & **Defense Exhibitions** Work Learning Experience Projects/Tasks Interventions Advisory Strong Daily Academic Instruction Culture

what changes?

- culture of learning
- teacher practice
- college entrance and persistence rates
- ELA scores, particularly performance tasks
- students' sense of self

SENIOR DEFENSES 2015

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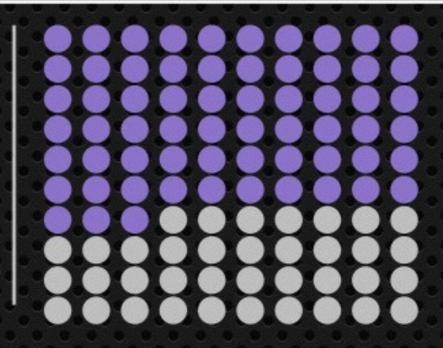
90%

61%

PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS SEEING VALUE IN THE SENIOR DEFENSE

Students who passed

Students who did not pass



64% PASS

36% NO PASS 6 NO-SHOWS

STUDENT FEEDBACK

I felt prepared for my senior defense.

The senior defense was a valuable process. I learned about myself by doing the senior defense

6% 80%

85%

my senior defense.

valuable process.

senior defense

66%

80%

85%

WHAT DID YOU LEARN BY DOING YOUR SENIOR DEFENSE?

"...That I really do have a passion for something and I am confident in myself."

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Workshop Time: apply these concepts to your learning community

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THEORY OF ACTION

What is your graduate profile?

What is the **performance assessment** that measures that graduate profile?



What are the **pedagogies** & **school structures** that help students to succeed on that performance assessment?

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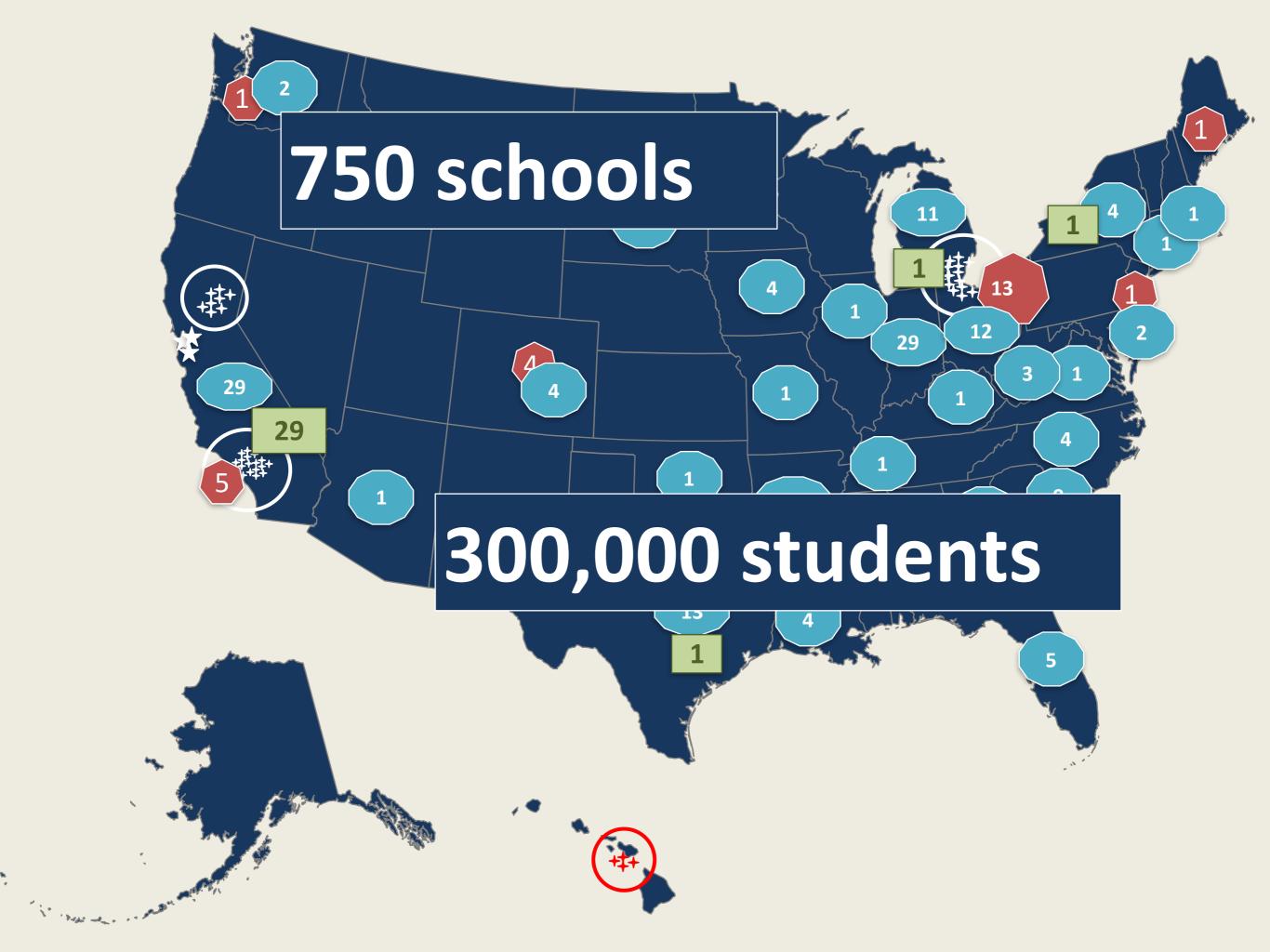
ways to get started . . .

- 1. 10th or 12th grade
- presentations of learning, based on pathway outcomes
- 3. leveraging an existing project
- 4. establishing "portfolio habits"
- 5. student-led conferences
- 6. ?



ENVISION LEARNING PARTNERS

Inspiring Results



Come to a Defense Design Studio



What have you learned?

- one take-away
- one puzzle

Reflect

Stay in touch . . .

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