FIVE CONSIDERATIONS FOR ENRICHED AND HOLISTIC LEARNING

1. Rigorous coursework and college and career readiness programs for all
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2. Meaningful and timely access to highly-skilled teachers, experts, and learning resources for every student
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3. Equitable funding for holistic services and support for students
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4. Academic programming and postsecondary learning opportunities that foster student voice and agency
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5. Robust engagement among families, community leaders, businesses, and institutions of higher education
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**A FEW WAYS TO ADVANCE COGNITIVE SKILLS FOR ALL**

Integrate career and workforce learning in students’ daily experiences: partnerships with local employers; clubs and work experiences; internships

Provide a broad range of programs, such as STEM and CTE, that offer pathways to gainful employment

Offer college and career preparation for all students: credit by exam; dual enrollment; AP/IB courses; ACT and SAT

**Consider this:** brain science suggests that adolescents need to engage in higher order thinking activities to develop the neural networks responsible for complex reasoning. Underdevelopment makes it more challenging to solve problems logically, to think in the abstract, and to think critically.

**DEVELOPMENT OF THE PREFRONTAL CORTEX**
- Executive Function
- Self-Regulation
- Critical Thinking
- Complex Reasoning