The Canopy project shares information about innovative schools designed to advance equity and student-centered learning. Since 2018, the project has invited organizations to nominate schools and learning environments that are transforming K–12 education. With new schools added each year, Canopy offers an ever-broadening snapshot of learning environments pushing the boundaries of what's possible. 

Note: The database is not nationally representative.

**HOW CAN I USE THIS DATA?**

**Researchers**
Identify potential sites for case study or survey samples; download datasets for quantitative and/or qualitative analyses on innovative school practices and priorities.

**Policy influencers**
Search for schools in your constituency, read school leaders' perspectives about policy barriers and opportunities, and find common innovative practices.

**Journalists**
Search for schools serving specific student populations; compare practices among schools in your region. Find leads for innovative schools and programs to profile.

**Funders**
Find grantees, compare your grantees to others across the country, learn who is implementing practices you invest in, and understand education innovation trends.

**USE CASES FROM THE FIELD**

A state agency leader was considering an initiative to extend the school year to combat summer slide. They searched the database for schools with flexible schedules to learn more about how different schools implement this practice.

“[I share] Canopy data with people who ask me for a list of innovative schools. I find it’s a helpful alternative to what I once did, which was to rattle off names or send people to our own website for logos.” -Scott Benson, former Managing Partner, NewSchools Venture Fund

A partner wanted to produce a resource about how competency-based education can complement early college and dual enrollment programs, but lacked concrete examples of how schools are integrating these approaches. They used Canopy to search for these practices and found several schools they hadn’t known about.

A funder used Canopy to develop a shortlist of schools that center equity and social justice, then engaged youth and community decision-makers to select finalists to receive grants.

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Use the go button on the left side to view both a map and list of schools and their self-identified practices.

Use the red filter button to search the database by criteria such as state, locale, governance, practices, nominator, and/or demographics.

Select a school from the list or a dot from the map and click the gray bar at the top to view a school profile. Profiles feature student demographics, self-identified practices, a description of the school experience, and a public contact for each school.

WHAT TO DO NEXT

DOWNLOAD DATA SETS & SURVEY TEMPLATES

WATCH A DEMO

SEARCH THE PORTAL

GET IN TOUCH WITH OUR ANALYSTS

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