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## **NEW DATA: Explore 189 innovative schools in the Canopy dataset**

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**Released today: Updated data on 189 innovative schools in the Canopy national dataset**



 **Extra, extra!** Read our commentary on these innovative schools in [The 74](#).

Across the country, novel and unconventional approaches to school are changing how students engage in learning. However, when discussing innovative school design or searching for best practices, it's common to turn to the same examples from familiar networks, resulting in a narrow view of innovation in education. [Canopy](#) is a collaborative effort by the Center on Reinventing Public Education and Transcend Education to surface and share diverse, innovative learning environments designed to advance equity and student-centered learning.

**Today, we published updated data about 189 innovative schools across sectors, geography, and grade bands.** We can see interesting trends emerging, including:

- School leaders were motivated to innovate by a desire to show what's possible in K-12 education (80% of schools), to address systemic inequities like racism and poverty (56%), and to address mental health concerns (47%).
- Fewer schools were innovating to address chronic absenteeism (27%) and learning disruptions from the pandemic (20%).
- The top three most common practices (implemented by over three-quarters of schools) were project-based learning, giving students multiple opportunities to demonstrate mastery, and school-wide social-emotional learning integration.

- Six in ten school leaders were “somewhat” or “extremely” concerned about sustaining resources for innovation in the coming years.
- School leaders believe that teacher workforce issues, artificial intelligence, and the mental health crisis will be the top three drivers of K-12 transformation in the coming years.

Later this year, we’ll use the past five years of Canopy survey data to publish a report about how innovative schools have changed since before the pandemic and what they think is coming for their schools and the sector. But in the spirit of sharing open data as soon as it’s available, we’re alerting you to what’s publicly accessible now and how and why you might want to search it. **This [user guide](#) and [demo video](#) can help walk educators, reporters, funders, and policymakers through the many different ways to use the data portal, including sharing specific school profile links.**

Explore the data

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