

# EdLeader21

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## Purposeful Assessment Innovation Group

Do you need assistance aligning your assessment system to the broader educational goals you've established through your Portrait of a Graduate? Would you like to be part of a national project collaborating to address this issue? Join the *Purposeful Assessment Innovation Group*!

**Essential Question:** How can we create tools and resources to help districts implement and scale a Purposeful Assessment System that supports deeper learning and student growth?

**Background and Definitions:** A Purposeful Assessment System integrates various types of assessments to meet different needs. It supports holistic student growth by aligning assessments with broader district goals focused on deeper learning, incorporating a blend of student-engaged assessment types that place students at the center of the process.

While districts may use different terminology for student-engaged assessments, we will use these terms for this project:

- **Everyday Classroom Assessments** involve students in setting goals, tracking progress, and reflecting on their learning.
- **Cornerstone Experiences:**
  - Authentic, performance-based, common assessments that occur at key points in a student's education.
  - Designed to assess conceptual understanding, growth in Portrait Competencies, and the transfer of knowledge and skills.
  - Used to evaluate the impact of deeper learning strategies in a system.
- **Capstone Experiences:** The culmination of a student's assessment journey, involving transdisciplinary inquiry, significant student choice, and public reflection on conceptual understanding and performance and growth with Portrait Competencies.

**Innovation Group Goal:** By June 2025, the Innovation Group will have successfully piloted and curated a set of resources that EdLeader21 members can use to begin to implement a purposeful assessment system, **focusing on piloting Cornerstone Experiences as an onramp.**

To achieve this, the group will complete the following actions:

1. **Visioning Tools:** We will review and refine a visioning tool provided by Battelle for Kids to help districts develop a vision for purposeful assessment and definitions of student-engaged assessment types.
2. **Cornerstone Experience Selection:** We will select and refine 3-4 high-quality, field-tested Cornerstone Experiences that districts can localize and pilot, providing an onramp to designing or strengthening a purposeful assessment system.
3. **Pilot Planning:** Support districts in selecting at least one Cornerstone Experience to localize and pilot and assist them in planning the pilot logistics.
4. **Reflection Tools:** We will review and refine a reflection tool provided by Battelle for Kids to help districts reflect on pilot data and identify key insights, strengths, and areas for improvement in their assessment practices.
5. **Sharing and Reflection:** We will facilitate cross-district sharing and reflection where districts will exchange key insights, strengths, and areas for improvement based on their piloting experiences.
6. **Post-Pilot Planning Tool:** We will review and refine a post-pilot planning tool provided by Battelle for Kids to help districts develop a coherent strategy for further alignment and scaling of their Purposeful Assessment System.

**Leadership:** The Purposeful Assessment Innovation Group will be led by Battelle for Kids staff. A member chair will also be appointed from a participating EdLeader21 district.

**Open To:** All interested educators from EdLeader21 member districts are welcome to join.

#### **Requirements for Innovation Group Participants:**

- Recruit at least one instructional leader to serve on the Innovation Group and coordinate the piloting of a Cornerstone Experience.
- Select at least one Cornerstone Experience to localize and implement.
- Recruit at least two classroom teachers (per district) to pilot a Cornerstone Experience during the implementation window (between February and April 2025).
- Reflect on the pilot as a district using a protocol.
- Share and reflect with other participating districts.
- Plan next steps using a protocol.

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## Purposeful Assessment Innovation Group Meeting Dates & Times

Day	Date	Time
Thursday	November 7, 2024	1:00 – 2:00 p.m. ET
Thursday	January 9, 2025	1:00 – 2:00 p.m. ET
Thursday	February 27, 2025	1:00 – 2:00 p.m. ET
Tuesday	March 11, 2025	1:00 – 2:00 p.m. ET
Thursday	May 8, 2025	1:00 – 2:00 p.m. ET

*Recordings will be distributed to participants who are unable to attend.*

**Register Here:**

[bfk.org/EL21-innovation](https://bfk.org/EL21-innovation)



**Registration Deadline:**

Friday, November 4, 2024

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## Purposeful Assessment Innovation Group 2024-2025 Timeline

