

# Ten Key Practices



1. Setting higher expectations and getting all students to meet them.



2. Increasing access to challenging vocational studies, with a major emphasis on using high-level math, science, language arts, and problem-solving competencies in the context of modern business and technical studies.



3. Increasing access to academic studies that teach the essential concepts from the college preparatory curriculum through functional and applied strategies that enable students to see the relationship between course content and future roles they may envision for themselves.



4. Having students complete a challenging and related program of study, including three courses in mathematics and three in science, with at least two credit in each course equivalent in content to courses offered in the college preparatory program, and having students complete at least four courses in a vocational major and two courses in related areas.



5. Providing career-bound student's access to a structured system of work-based learning that is planned in collaboration with high-status school-based learning - high school and post-secondary - and that result in an industry recognized credential and employment in a career pathway.



6. Having an organizational structure and schedule that enable academic and vocational teachers to have the time to plan and deliver an integrated curriculum aimed at teaching high-status academic and technical content.



7. Having each student actively engaged in the learning process.



8. Involving each student and his/her parent(s) in an individualized advisement system aimed at ensuring that each student completes an accelerated and coherent program of academic study with a vocational or academic major.



9. Providing a structured system of extra help to enable career-bound students to successfully complete an accelerated program of study that includes high-level academic content and a major.



10. Using student assessment and program evaluation information to check and improve the curriculum, instruction, school climate, organization, and management.