



Student Connectedness Project

Co-creating welcoming spaces where every student is connected to an adult, peers, and a purpose

Designed by Students, for Students

The Student Connectedness Project invites student teams to become learners, leaders, and designers of school connectedness. Together, students will explore how to ensure that every student is connected to adults, peers, purpose, and a welcoming space.

Through interactive virtual sessions, collaboration, and design challenges, students will create actionable strategies that strengthen connectedness in their schools. Visit our [website](#) to see a full listing of event descriptions, times, and registrations.

What You'll Do

- Explore what connectedness looks like
- Learn design thinking tools to co-create and test ideas
- Collaborate with peers and mentors to solve real challenges
- Launch a design sprint for your school/classroom/grade level

The Four Components of Connectedness

Connected to Adults - The Power of Caring Relationships

Discover how caring adult relationships can change a student's experience. Design ways your school can ensure every student is "known."

Connected to Peers - Building Inclusive Communities

Learn strategies to strengthen peer relationships, foster inclusion, and create a sense of belonging across all student groups.

Connected to Purpose - Prosocial Activities That Inspire

Explore how service learning, clubs, and community projects give students purpose and connection. Design opportunities for every student to participate in meaningful, purpose-driven activities.

Connected to a Welcoming Space - Designing Schools Where Everyone Feels Welcome and Supported

Examine what makes a space feel welcoming and inclusive. Design school environments- physical, virtual, and social where everyone feels seen, heard, and valued.

Who Should Participate?

- Student leadership teams, advisory groups, clubs, etc.
- Adult mentors partnering with students

Why it Matters

When students are connected to caring adults, supportive peers, purposeful activities, and welcoming spaces, they thrive. Together, students will co-design schools where connection drives success and every student belongs.

