

**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.

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.

A news organization showed Canopy to the state superintendent's office and organized site visits to all the state's Canopy schools. This helped launch a statewide initiative to scale up learner-centered innovation.

"[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

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# HOW TO USE THE PORTAL

Visit [canopyschools.org](https://canopyschools.org).

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

## Want to search for innovative schools?

View and filter our full "forest" of schools by clicking the "Go" button at right



## Know which school profile you want to see?

Select the school below and click "Go" below to view their profile

5280 High School



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

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