

Name of Organization: NYC Dept of Education
Project Name: NYC iSchool
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Describe the Project

The iSchool is dedicated to equipping students with the skills necessary for success and leadership in the 21st century. The program is designed to offer students opportunities to engage in meaningful work that has relevance to them and the world, choice and responsibility in determining their high school experience, and unique structures to support their development as students and individuals. NYCiSchool uses innovative technology to offer students an individualized, developmentally sensitive high school experience that prepares them for college and beyond.

Describe Implementation

NYCiSchool uses a Problem Based Learning Model as well as online coursework. Online Coursework is used to individualize instruction allowing students to self-pace, take courses when they are ready, and to more easily and readily have their learning presented in ways suited to their style and needs, through the use of audio and visual features, and broaden the curricular options available for our students.

Share Success Metrics, Efficacy Data, etc.

- 25% of students passed the Global Studies Regents Exam 1 ½ years earlier than typical high school students, after only 5 months of instruction. Expectations are that more than 80% will pass at the end of 1 year.
- 1500 applicants for 110 spots
- 8 additional 21st Century Schools are opening in NYC in 2009.
- NYC DOE is launching an NYC21C initiative to support all schools in becoming 21st Century learning environments. Efforts are focused on transforming existing schools as well as defining a model to support new school development.

