# Center for Model Schools™

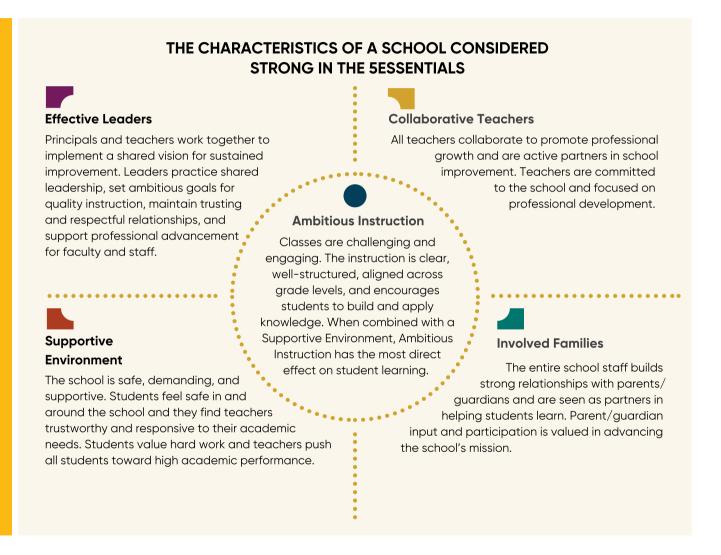
### The 5Essentials Framework

The 5Essentials® Framework is based on over 20 years of research from The University of Chicago Consortium on School Research.

The framework outlines the 5Essential factors that research revealed are necessary for driving sustainable school improvement:

Effective Leaders, Collaborative Teachers, Ambitious Instruction, Supportive Environment, and Involved Families.

# **RESEARCH SHOWS** Schools strong on at least three of the five essentials were 10 times more likely to show substantial gains in student learning over time than schools weak on three or more of the five essentials. A persistent weakness in even just one of the essential factors reduced the likelihood of improvement to less than 10%. Further, 5Essentials Measures (see the next page to learn more about the Measures) are positively related to a variety of outcomes, including: **Attendance** Test score aains Freshman on track

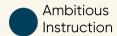




**Graduation rates** 

### The 5Essentials Core Measures

The 5Essentials Survey assesses student and teacher perceptions of a school's organizational conditions. It illustrates a school's strength in multiple Measures of each of the five essential factors for school improvement:



#### **English Instruction:**

Students interact with course material and one another to build and apply critical reading and writing skills.

#### Math Instruction:

Students interact with course material and one another to build and apply knowledge in their math classes.

#### **Academic Press:**

Teachers expect students to do their best and to meet academic demands.

# Quality of Student Discussion:

Students participate in classroom discussions that build their critical thinking skills.



Effective Leaders

#### **Teachers Influence:**

Teacher have influence in a broad range of decisions regarding school policies and practices.

#### **Program Coherence:**

School programs are coordinated and consistent with goals for student learning.

#### **Teacher-Principal Trust:**

Teachers and principals share a high level of mutual trust and respect.

#### Instructional Leadership:

The school leadership team sets high standards for teaching and student learning.



Collaborative Teachers

#### **Collaborative Practices:**

Teachers observe each others' practice and work together to review assessment data and develop instructional strategies.

# Collective Responsibility:

Teachers share a strong sense of responsibility for student development, school improvement, and professional growth.

#### **School Commitment:**

Teachers are deeply committed to the school.

#### **Teacher-Teacher Trust:**

Teachers are supportive and respectful of one another, personally and professionally.

# Quality of Professional Development:

Professional development is rigorous and focused on student learning.



Supportive Environment

### Peer Support for Academic Work (ES):

Students demonstrate behaviors that lead to academic achievement.

# School-Wide Future Orientation (HS):

The school engages all students in planning for life after graduation.

#### Expectations for Post-Secondary Education (HS):

The school expects all students to attend college and promotes college readiness.

#### **Academic Personalism (ES):**

Teachers connect with students in the classroom and support them in achieving academic goals.

#### Student-Teacher Trust:

Students and teachers share a high level of mutual trust and respect.

#### Safety:

Students feel safe both in and around the school building, and while they travel to and from home.

(ES): Elementary School (HS): High School



Involved Families

# Parent Influence on Decision-Making:

The school has created opportunities for parents to participate in developing academic programs and influencing school curricula.

#### **Teacher-Parent Trust:**

Teachers and parents are partners in improving student learning.

# Parent Involvement in School:

Parents are active participants in their child's schooling.