



DCSD INNOVATION SOLUTIONS LABORATORY (ISL)

CRITERIA REQUIREMENTS

We are accepting proposals for the Innovative Solutions Laboratory competition, which will take place in the Spring of 2024. The following listed criteria will serve as a guide for expected deliverables when submitting site-based innovation proposals. The planning committee is particularly interested in proposals that are strong! ***School Innovation Vision***: School innovation continuously analyzes data to identify opportunities for growth and development toward enhancing measurable outcomes, where creating a safe space for individuals to be authentic critical thinkers to lift viable innovative solutions is optimal. y aligned with our DCSD strategic goals. Please see the listed criteria below.

Who can submit an Innovative Solution Proposal?

- A DCSD school-based team of 3-6 individuals who will work together to develop a proposal and present an innovative solution.
- The team should include a diverse group of stakeholders that offer different problem-solving perspectives around a problem of practice. Suggested site-based teams may include teachers, academic coaches, support staff and administrators. (*Optional: Parents and students*)
- Team should include a principal or assistant principal to provide oversight of the entire innovative solution project.

Assurances: Connecting Innovative Solution Proposal to DCSD Strategic Goals. Please align your innovative solution proposal to one or more of the following DCSD Strategic Goals.

I. Student Success with Equity and Access	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve student mastery of learning standards. • Provide academically rigorous courses and/or pathways. • Increase graduation rate
II. Stakeholder Engagement and Communication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase the effectiveness of stakeholder engagement experiences. • Improve opportunities for innovative stakeholder collaboration.



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve and ensure effective district internal and external communication.
III. Staff Effectiveness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recruit highly qualified staff. • Develop high-performing staff. • Retain highly effective staff.
IV. Culture and Culture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create and maintain a safe, orderly, positive learning environment for all. • Establish and maintain clear and high expectations for excellence for all stakeholders. • Cultivate a culturally responsive learning environment for all. • Provide support for social and emotional learning for all.
V. Organizational Excellence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure excellent financial management. • Ensure efficient use of resources
VI. Facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure that educational facilities meet programmatic needs.

Innovative Solutions Laboratory Competition Process

Proposal Process	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Determine a school-based Problem of Practice. 2. Develop an innovative solution to address the Problem of Practice. 3. Complete Innovative Solutions Laboratory Online Application. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Develop a project plan (be sure to include goals, budget, timeline, implementation plan and sustainability plan). b. Provide a 2–3-minute video overview of the innovative project proposal (Application) 4. The planning committee will select and notify the finalists for Pitch-Day invitation.
Pitch Day Process	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Finalists will present proposals during the Innovative Solutions Laboratory Pitch Day event. End of March. 2. Schools will have approximately 20 minutes to present innovative solutions on Pitch Day.



	3. Site-based teams will be notified after Pitch-Day with awarded conclusions
Monitoring Process	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Funded initiatives will participate in progress monitoring protocols provided by the Innovation Team.2. Submit final project summary of evidence to the Innovation Team.

Innovative Solutions Laboratory Timeline

Application Due Date: Thursday, February 29th, 2024

Applicants Notified for Pitch Day Invitation: Friday, March 8th, 2024

Pitch Day Competition Date: Wednesday, March 27th

Important Links

[Application](#)

[Project Plan](#)