

Pilot Name: Hampden Academy Corral RREV Pilot

School/District Name: RSU 22

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Overview: Hampden Academy's Corral is an individualized learning platform that will create a pathway for success for a small group of learners. The problem our innovation addresses is that Hampden Academy needs to reach and re-engage its disengaged learners. Our innovation is the creation of a flexible program at Hampden Academy which does reach and challenge all students. The Corral will meet the needs of the student population because while the program is flexible in providing individual learning plans, it will deliver what all students need and hasn't been fully accessible: a personalized learning program with both in-person and digital options which offers both one-on-one support and community inclusion.

We recognize that students have struggled in a variety of ways, including, but not limited to: past learning struggles, not feeling part of the school community, problems with attendance, difficulty with adhering to rules and feeling disconnected to the school community because of total remote learning. Students may have faced physical or emotional challenges which have impacted their success in school. Most of the students the Corral would serve would benefit from honing their skills in job market readiness, executive functioning, study and time management as well as being active members of a supportive community.

The Corral has the potential to achieve a wide range of goals on many levels. The primary focus of its goals are on reaching individual students and engaging them in school and seeing its connection to their futures, but the program also has the potential to enrich the school and the community. In the short term, the Hampden Academy Corral desired outcomes are to empower students to re-engage in education and develop the ability to articulate and achieve their goals in a safe and supportive environment. While being able to express their learning in a variety of ways and through a number of platforms, they will also become proactive partners in maintaining their emotional and physical health and wellbeing. One long term outcome for Hampden Academy is to re-examine all practices based on experiences and outcomes seen from the Corral experience. A greater connection to the community is also a goal. Using pre and post measurement, the Corral program will study student growth both in social emotional learning.

A successful institution in the 21st century must be both firmly anchored and flexible: anchored to bolster the integrity of its core beliefs and flexible in order to acclimate, re-imagine, and innovate to meet the fluid needs of the community it serves. Hampden Academy's Corral is an innovation that stands firmly in our principles and yet opens wide to all who might grow and flourish within.

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