Starting Student Consulting At Your Site

Implementation Guide

DEVELOPING YOUR TEAMS:
Cooperating Teachers
We described the program and invited new teachers to join the student consulting program over lunch.

Student Consultant Cohort
We invited a cross section of students with different academic experiences to serve as student consultants.

TRAINING STUDENT CONSULTANTS

Ask students if they are ready to start consulting on an ongoing basis when they reach 6 or 10. It’s time to start.

Build community
Watch videos of teachers, use observation log, and discuss what works.
Video a Teacher of your choosing. Invite that teacher to participate in a consultation with the entire student consultant cohort.

Program Structures
- Student consultants meet in pairs or with a cooperating teacher.
- Student consultants observe their cooperating teacher for up to an hour each week.
- Student consultants have a deliberate meeting with their cooperating teacher once every two weeks.
- Student consultants meet together every week to discuss differences.
- Student consultants rotate to a new cooperating teacher each semester.

Advice

Selecting Student Consultants
Choose a team that represents the different student experiences of your school.

Check In with Cooperating Teachers
Conduct surveys and meet with cooperating teachers to get feedback about their experiences. Make changes based on their responses.

Empower Student Consultants
To the extent possible, empower students to make decisions about the program. Share traditional student voice audits and peer reviews to design.

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