

Virginia Student-Led Assessment Networked Improvement Community (NIC)

With the support of the Assessment for Learning Project, Fairfax County Public Schools has partnered with EdLeader21 to create a cross-district Networked Improvement Community (NIC) across Virginia focused on student-led assessment for deeper learning. The Virginia Student-Led Assessment NIC includes teams from 11 EdLeader21 member districts in Virginia.

What problem are we trying to solve?

Students are not leading their own assessment for learning

Our current AIM statement:

Our VA Student-led Assessment NIC aims to have 10,000 students across 11 participating districts engage in a student-led assessment experience by June 2019.

Student-Led Assessment

Student-led assessment involves students as stakeholders in their learning process. This means that students need opportunities for meaningful learning and they need to reflect on that learning.

During our work as a NIC, we have developed the following draft design principles as important to include as part of student-led assessment experiences:

1. Student voice and choice is demonstrated in the assessment experience and products.
2. Assessment process and products are meaningful to the student.
3. Students set goals, chart their growth and share their learning/growth.
4. Feedback occurs throughout the process.
5. Student self-assess and reflect.
6. Student-led assessment experiences are accessible to and attainable by ALL students.

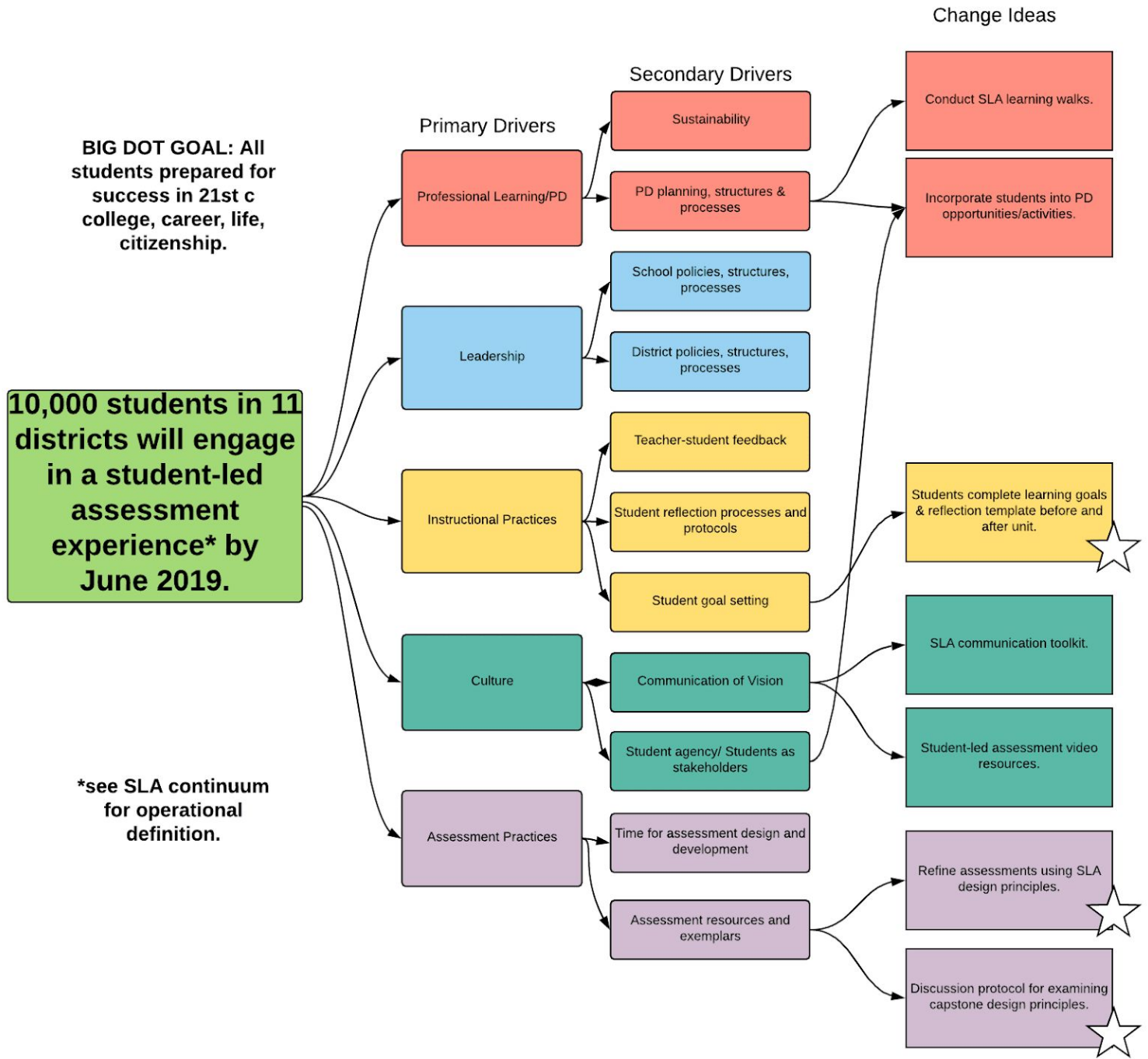
While each of the eleven districts within the NIC will work to implement steps toward the goal of student-led learning that align with their current assessment approaches, some possible ideas include:

- Developing a student-curated portfolio system and Capstone assessments
- Implementing rubrics that allow students to self-assess their growth toward Portrait of a Graduate attributes.
- Providing opportunities for students to present their work during “exhibitions of learning” where they share their work with the community.

Participating Districts

- Albemarle County Public Schools
- Chesterfield County Public Schools
- Cumberland County Public Schools
- Fairfax County Public Schools
- Fredericksburg County Public Schools
- Harrisonburg City Public Schools
- Henry County Public Schools
- Loudoun County Public Schools
- Roanoke County Public Schools
- Shenandoah County Public Schools
- Virginia Beach City Public Schools

Driver Diagram



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