

2 Key Supporting Themes

Educational Technology

Rapid changes in technology (and the growing availability of educational resources) are further informing ideas in how the learning studio works and is designed.

Schools can even go so far as to take new directions such as blended learning, evidenced in “The Flipped Classroom” and enabled by models proposed by Knewton or Khan Academy.



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Flexible technology that supports anywhere, anytime learning should be available throughout the campus. Wireless connectivity and “Bring Your Own Device” capabilities inside and out should support collaboration and abundant access to digital technology in educational spaces to enhance educational opportunities for students.

Staff Support

Supporting school staff means providing the spaces, resources, and secure environment that address their well-being. Access to wellness spaces, collaborative tools, and safe facilities encourages educators to foster student growth.

A safe and secure environment allows teachers to focus on instruction. When school design prioritizes safety, educators can engage students without distraction or concern. Classrooms must have accessible educational technology and reliable infrastructure as tools for school staff as these help them thrive when teaching students.



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Safety and transparency are the foundation of spaces that boost collaboration among educators because these strengthen professional growth. Shared workspaces that are clean and organized with accessible materials and technology allow peer support and idea exchange. As the school spaces address the staff’s needs, students benefit from learning experiences with instructors mainly focused on helping them achieve success. A collaborative staff culture starts with responsive design to their changing needs, leading to the staff and teaching team’s professional experience development.