

# Youth and Adults Transforming Schools Together

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UP for Learning has the strong facilitation, resources and experience to help **youth and adults partner to reimagine and transform the learning experience.**

Using the Youth Participatory Action Research Cycle to guide this process, UP for Learning will coach youth and their adult partners to navigate the educational environment, to take responsibility for their own learning, and to reach their goals.

At the core of UP's work is one fundamental value — to seek equity and

justice. That call has been amplified by the impact of the COVID pandemic coupled with our ongoing reckoning with racial justice. By bringing youth and adults together to elevate youth voice and youth adult partnership in learning and decision-making, we can respond to these needs and demands and deliver on the deep, powerful learning required to meet 21st-century challenges.



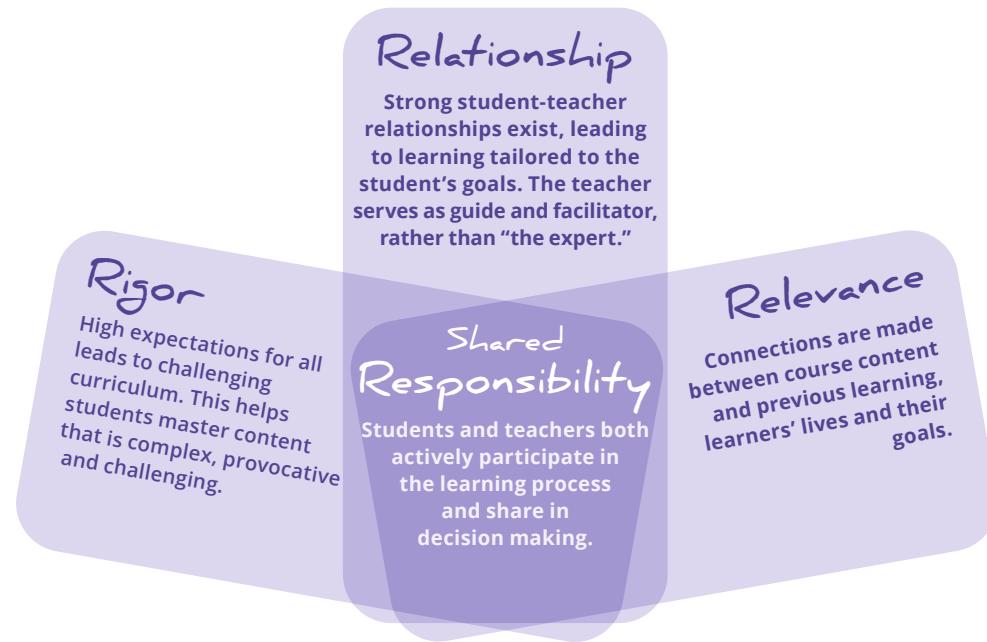
Unleashing the Power of Partnership for Learning

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## WHY YATST?

For youth, working closely with adults toward shared goals seeds the skills and confidence for lifelong learning and civic engagement. For adults, working closely with youth creates the opportunity to learn from the insight and unique perspectives of youth, often renewing their professional sense of purpose and shifting teaching toward more student-centered practices

## HOW DOES YATST WORK?



YATST teams utilize the 4 Rs — Rigor, Relevance, Relationship, and Shared Responsibility — a research-based framework to explore and understand what youth and adults experience in school. They facilitate dialogue to identify desired changes and build community consensus for action. Youth and adults work together to co-create an education that is challenging, relevant, based on strong student relationships, and where the responsibility for learning is shared by all.

## YATST COMPONENTS

- UP for Learning faculty skilled facilitation, expertise and coaching
- Curriculum resources and materials
- Program orientation, advanced trainings and collaborative work day



*"This group, YATST, can make a big change. **And if you stay with it, it can make a change in you!"***

—Student reflection

## COST

- Full Member Schools: \$7,500
- Alumni Schools (ongoing partnership starting year four): \$3,000

OPTIONAL: UP provides two pathways to learning for adults. In both cases, credit or hours are based on meeting the course goals:

- In partnership with Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU), an adult partner can earn 1 or 3 graduate credits for the course. This UP for Learning course costs \$683/\$2,049, which covers instruction, materials, and all fees associated with SNHU credits.
- If graduate credits are not a priority, adult partners can participate in the same course (for 15 or 45 professional learning hours) at the reduced cost of \$563/\$1,689.

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**Empowering youth and adults to reimagine & transform education together**

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